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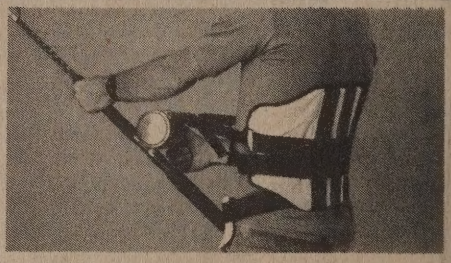

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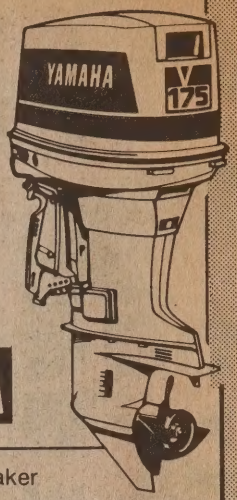

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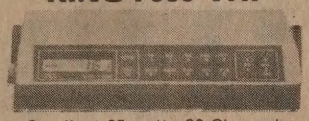

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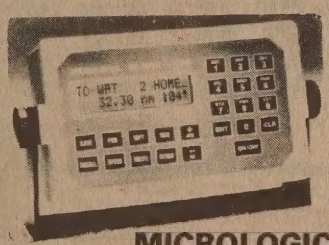

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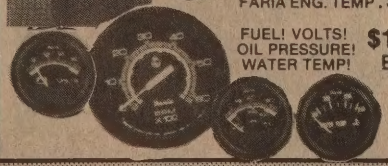

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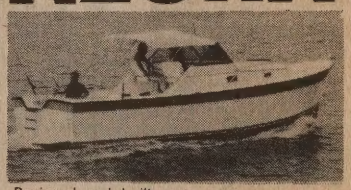

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Checks should be made out to: Glen Just c/o New York Surf Contest, P.O. Box 361, Wading River, New York 11792.

TROUT STOCKING LIST AVAILABLE FROM DEC

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NEW SHIPWRECK IN "WRECK VALLEY"

Aqua Explorers, Inc., would like to announce an addition to Dan Bergs' book "Wreck Valley," A record of shipwrecks off Long Island's south shore.

On Saturday, November 29, 1986 floating dry dock number four completed her 14 hour tow from Jersey City to a pre-determined location on the southeast corner of the Fire Island artificial reef. The odd-shaped wood barge which is 200 feet long, 85 feet wide and stands 35 feet high had her seacocks opened at 9:30AM. At 10:09AM she slipped beneath the waves and now rests on the sandy bottom. She now serves as a thriving fish haven to be enjoyed by divers and fishermen.

Captain Steve Bielenda of the research vessel Wahoo, along with the Captree Boatmans' Association, spent months arranging for the donation of the barge itself, towing services and a specific sight location from the Department of Environmental Conservation.

The dry dock which has been nicknamed "Ocean Prince" after one of the tugs that towed her is the newest addition to Long Island's south shore, an area known as Wreck Valley. She now rests on a hard sand bottom in 72 feet of water and rises to within 40 feet of the surface. Local divers and anglers can locate the wreck on the following Loran C Coordinates: 26631.1 43733.5. They can expect to find a thriving community of sea bass, blackfish and lobsters.

For additional information on Long Island's shipwrecks please refer to Wreck Valley: A Record of Shipwrecks off Long Island's South Shore. Copies are available for $10.95 and $2 p/h. A plastic laminated Loran C Coordinate list is available for $14.95 +$1 p/h. Mail your order to Aqua Explorers, Inc., 22 Maiden Lane, Lynbrook, NY 11563. The publisher offers a money back guarantee.

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The Merrick Rod & Gun Club held its annual Installation Dinner-Dance on February 28th at the Bellmore Masonic Lodge. New officers for 1987 are as follows: President, Paul Kimbley; Vice President, Phil Ferrante; Recording Secretary, Bill Richko; Treasurer, Bob Murphy; Financial Secretary, Rich Ford; Sgt. At Arms, Bill Heide; Trustees: Rich Kimbley, Joe Kmiotek and Joe Rostkowski.

Outstanding Fisherman of 1986 was Ron Krynski.

LADY REELERS ANNOUNCE NEW SLATE

The Lady Reelers, Inc. announces their new officers for 1987: President, Pat Walsh; Vice President, Donna Pratt; Treasurer, Joan Wagner; Recording Secretary, Elaine Vasquez; Financial Secretary, Carol Repka; Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Wright.

This all women's fishing club meets the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 at the Medford Brauhaus, Rt. 112, Medford, L.I. and is currently having a membership drive. For more information, call (516) 472-2630 or (516) 669-3927.

TROUT UNLIMITED NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 1987 Trout Unlimited National Convention will be held Tuesday, June 23rd through Sunday, June 28th in the scenic Catskill Mountains of New York State. Hosted by the BEAMOC Chapter and New York State Council of Trout Unlimited, this Convention promises to offer outstanding and varied fishing opportunities in addition to an exciting and informative program of exhibits, demonstrations and panel discussions.

Each year the Convention is traditionally moved to a different site around the country where avid fishermen would ideally plan a fishing trip. This year the "Charmed Circle of the Catskills" will provide the setting and theme for the Convention, to be held at the Villa Roma Resort and Country Club in Callicoon, New York. Participating in the Convention will be Dave Whitlock, Joe Humphreys, Mac Francis, Poul Jorgensen and Lefty Kreh.

Workshops and panel discussions will focus on fishing in the Catskills, highlighting the "Charmed Circle"—the Beaverkill River, Willowemoc Creek, Delaware River, East Branch of the Delaware, West Branch of the Delaware, Schoharie Creek, Esopus

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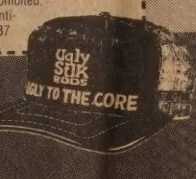

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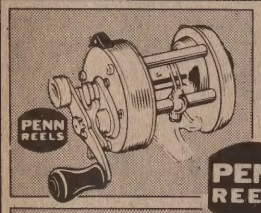

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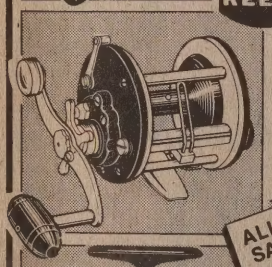

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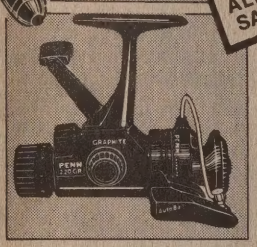

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With spectacular underwater photography to complement Waller's demonstrations of advanced strategies and presentations, Advanced Flyfishing for Pacific Steelhead takes a look at his proven methods of finding and hooking steelhead in deep water, how to fish the classic greased line presentation and when and how to use the Waking Fly, the Riffle Hitch, the Slider and the Dropper.

This exciting 55 minute tape shows how light conditions, water clarity and water temperature affect steelhead behavior and takes a how-to approach to developing the skills necessary to catch and release steelhead in almost any situation.

In *Flyfishing for Trophy Steelhead*, Waller and John Fabian take viewers to the mighty Skeena River where fresh run steelhead as large as 20 pounds are found. Scenes depict these denizens inhaling Waller's dry fly while he demonstrates his favorite dry fly fishing techniques.

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Available in both VHS and Beta formats or $79.95 each, 3M's new steelhead tapes can be purchased or rented through many quality sporting goods and video stores throughout the United States or they may be purchased directly from Leisure Time Products/3M.

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For more information, contact Leisure Time Products/3M, Dept. LT87-5, P.O. Box 33600, 3M Center, St. Paul, MN 55133.

THE OUTCAST ANGLERS NEW SLATE FOR 1987

Outcast Anglers elected the following officers for 1987:

President, Joel Zimmerman; Vice President, Lloyd Poulsen; Recording Secretary, Art Mensing; Corresponding Secretary, Harold Katz; Treasurer, Hasan Zamel; Tournament Chairman, Richard Fedoroff; Membership, Vinnie Castrataro.

The membership would like to thank last year's officers for a job well done.

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THROWING FISH OFF THE SCENT FROM NATIONAL WILDLIFE

About the same time that campers come home and beachhouse renters pack up, a far more dramatic migrations begins at countless inlets along the Eastern Seaboard, according to a recent article by Sharon Begley in *National Wildlife* magazine. Beginning in August and lasting for about two months, Atlantic salmon make their way from the open ocean to the backwater rivulets where they began life as hatchlings—and where they, too, will spawn. *National Wildlife* is a bimonthly publication of the National Wildlife Federation.

No vacationers battling traffic on a holiday weekend ever have a tougher commute: fighting white water and head currents and jumping waterfalls and fish ladders, the salmon follow odors back to the home stream. The olfactory cues, which scientists have yet to identify, are remarkably precise; even hundreds of miles from home, the fish can smell minute quantities of chemicals that mark its natal stream.

However, the salmon's nose-guided migration has been derailed. Studies in Scandinavia and Nova Scotia show

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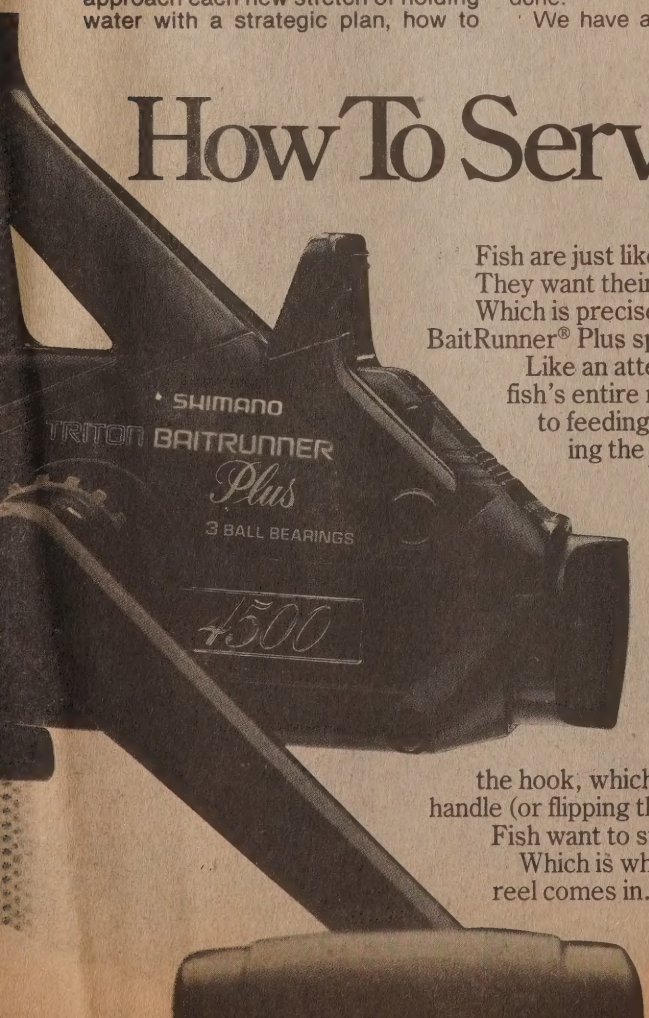

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that fewer and fewer salmon are returning home. And in New England, federal programs to reintroduce the species could be in jeopardy. Fish may be failing to find their way to the site where they were released. The cause is acid rain. As several recent studies show, in spite of the popular idea that acidified lakes make fish turn belly up, direct mortality is neither the most serious nor most obvious consequence of acidification.

One of those sub-lethal effects, suspected Winsor Watson and Carl Royce-Malmgren, biologists at the University of New Hampshire, might be interference with salmon's homing ability. To test this hypothesis, they used a computer/video behavioral analysis system to test the effects of acidity on salmon's responses to particular odors. "We were trying to simulate fish migrating up a river and choosing between one tributary and another," explains Watson. Initially, the scientists tested juvenile Atlantic salmon in a 6 to 8 foot long Y-shaped maze and dripped amino acis into one arm of the Y (Amino acids may not be the olfacory cues that guide the fish in nature, but salmon can smell them.)

The researchers first established that the fish were attracted to certain amino acids, like glycine and repelled by others, such as alanine. When glycine was dripped into one arm of the maze, the fish spent more time in that arm.

Next, the scientists increased the acidity of the water to between pH 5.5 and 5.0, a level comparable to that found in Canadian and New England waters. Then they tracked the fish's movements again. "They responded as if they could no longer smell the odor," says Watson.

Acidity also makes salmon oblivious to odors that have nothing to do with migration. In another set of experiments, the New Hampshire team allowed salmon to choose between a pool without fish and a pool containing other adult salmon.

While vanquishing smells may smooth the way for human socializing, it is quite detrimental to the love life of fish that use smell to find mates and other fish. "The big concern has been, why are we getting a decline in the number of salmon in moderately acidified rivers if acidity isn't killing them directly," explains Watson. "Now that we have these data, we're beginning to see that acidity can influence behaviors like migrating and mating that are necessary for reproduction."

BOATING SAFETY COURSE IN SECAUCUS

Flotilla 3-2 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will hold a free Boating Safety Course at the Flotilla 3-2 Auxiliary Barge, Meadowlands Pkwy., Secaucus, NJ (next to the Aratusa Restaurant).

The course will begin April 20th at 7:30PM and continues twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays for 6 weeks. Pre-registration required.

Covered will be boating skills and seamanship, including instruction on boat handling, legal requirements, rules of the rod, piloting, marlinspike and radio telephone.

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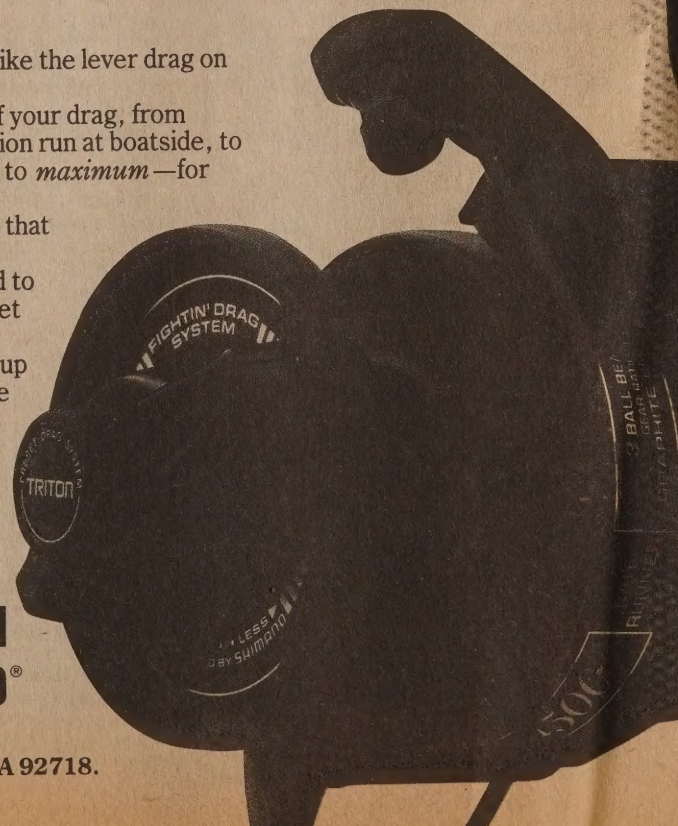

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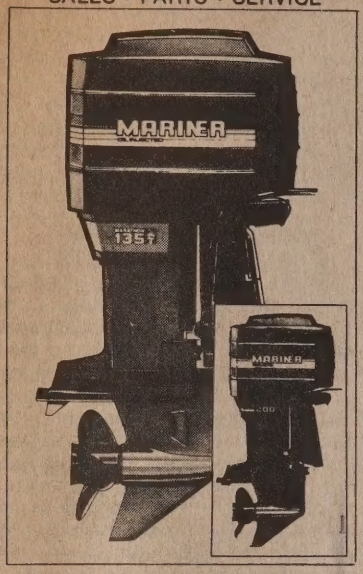

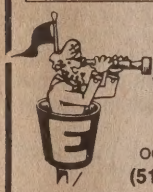

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PENN POWER STICK RODS FEATURE FUJI HARDLOY GUIDES

Penn introduces two new Power Stick conventional rods designed especialy for working jigs, trolling and live lining baits. They are ideal for powerful saltwater fish such as cobia, school tuna, grouper, yellowtail and kingfish.

The new models—PC 3811 M and PC 3821 MH—feature braced Fuji Hardloy guides and tiptops. These low friction guides keep line wear to an absolute minimum and are built to withstand the rigors of saltwater fishing.

Both of these Power Sticks are one piece and feature quality components such as Fuji graphite reel seats with stainless steel hoods, cushioned foam fore and butt grips and fighting gimbals with detachable, protective butt caps.

The fast taper actions offer light tips for casting light lures and baits. The beefier butt sections hold power in reserve for fighting strong fish such as albacore or bluefish. Both rods are 7 feet long. Model PC 3811 M is rated for 15-40 pound line and lures in 3/4-3 ounce range. Model PC 3821 MH will handle 30-50 pound line and lures in sthe 1-6 ounce range.

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EAGLE CLAW SINGLE ACTION GRAPHITE FLY REELS

The Wright & McGill Co., makers of Eagle Claw fishing tackle, is pleased to announce two new single action fly reels in graphite.

These new Eagle Claw single action fly reels are available in model's #3080 for 5, 6 and 7 weight fly lines and #3090 for 7, 8 and 9 weight fly lines and the reels are of graphite construction which offers lightness and strength—the very thing the particular fly fisherman is looking for. The unique one lever drag system gives the fly fisherman a wide range of drag adjustment whether he is right or left handed. Eagle Claw packs them in a flannelette bag for easy carrying and added protection.

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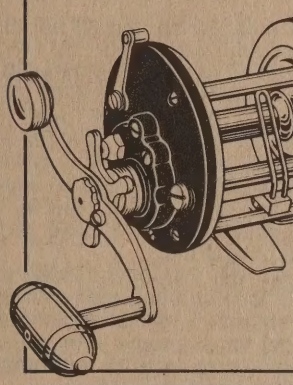

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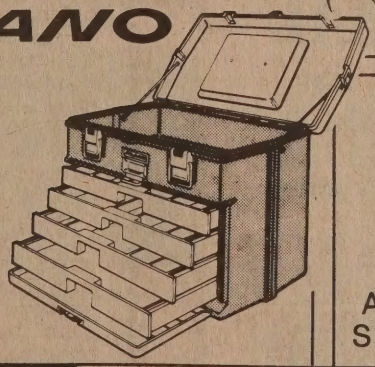

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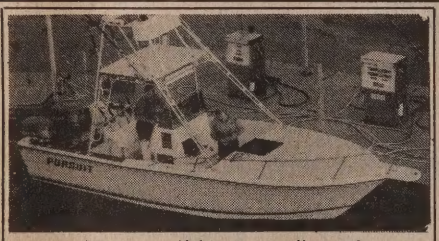

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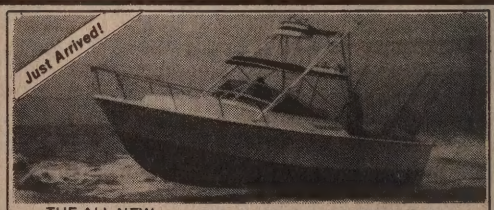

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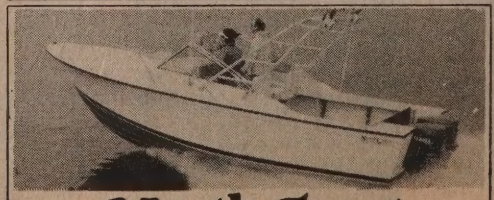

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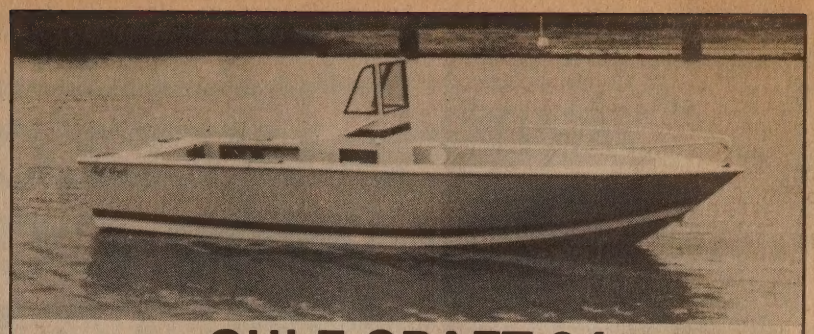

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Boats For Anglers

WELLCRAFT 2800 COASTAL

by Pete Barrett

At Wellcraft quality means everything and they go to great lengths to make sure every boat they build is top-notch in every aspect. While they have built an enviable reputation for their sleek racing boats like the Scarabs, they hve not overlooked the fishing fraternity. Their design team has been hard at work putting together a well-rounded selection of fishing boats from 18 foot center consoles to 32 foot canyon runners.

The 2800 Costal caught my eye two years ago, but I had to wait until this past fall for a chance to get behind the helm of one. The 260 hp twin inboards pushed the boat along at 28 knots cruise and we hit 34 knots at high speed cruise. Both speed numbers were verified by a Northstar Loran as we made a three mile run along the beach in calm water. Further offshore in 3 to 5 foot head seas we easily maintained 23 knots with no pounding. The ride was firm, quick in the turns and stable in both beam and following seas.

Dockside maneuvers were a breeze. The shift controls were located at just the right height to make docking with your back to the controls, hands behind your back to shift, very easy. There is clear visibility to see both stern quarters at all times.

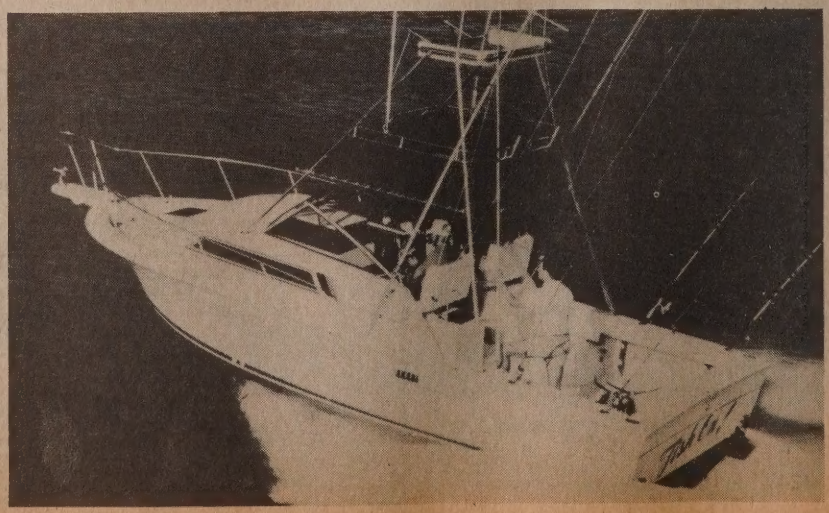
With the 9' 11" beam, cabin space is generous, even with the walk-around deck on both sides. Wellcraft provided enough space for sure footing as a crew member goes forward to work docklines or anchor, yet did not sacrifice interior cabin space. Up forward there's a seating area, a vent hatch for the cabin and a bow pulpit with anchor mount bracket.

I liked the cabin. The finish on the boat I checked out was off-white formica, light blue/grey carpeting and teak trimming on counter and bulkheads. The side windows let in plenty of light with the curtains held aside and while a 28 footer will never be as spacious as a 48 footer, this cabin was very comfortable, well thought out and very livable for a weekend stay. Everything looked easy to clean, was well made and sturdy.

The cabin had the usual amenities like a head, sink, shower, refrigerator galley stove and vee berths. It's perfect for two people, very friendly with four people.

Many manufacturers claim to build fishing boats, yet when you get to the helm there's no room to install a single piece of eletcronics—the "must have" items for all today's fishermen. On the 2800 there is ample space ahead of the instrument panel for a Loran and recorder. More electronics can be added to the left of the cabin door. There is generous space provided and virtually anything you may want in electronics can be mounted.

The compass is at an ideal viewing level—thanks, Wellcraft—many companies forget we have to navigate while running the boat. With the Loran positioned just ahead of the



compass navigating was a pleasure with no eye fatigue. The tachs and all instruments are mounted on a slanted black-faced, non-glare table, another nice touch for easy viewing even in bright sun. All electrical switches are mounted just below the instruments and access to the wiring is relatively easy. The main breaker panel is located in the cabin and is also easy to work on.

What makes a good fishing boat is the cockpit deck layout and Wellcraft has done a nice job in the 2800. There's about 95 square feet of space here, enhanced by the step-up access to the helm deck area. The feeling is of a lot of space for comfortable fishing. A transom door is standard; so is a pair of live bait wells. There are fish boxes of medium size in the deck and smaller storage spaces in the helm deck. The fish boxes are removable for cleaning.

A small to medium fight chair can be mounted with no undue loss of deck space. The padded coaming bolsters add a nice touch for comfort and the rod racks are constructed large enough to accommodate International size reels that you would use for sharking or tuna. Of course, smaller tackle will fit in the racks handily and can be doubled up to increase the rod carrying capacity.

The running gear is all heavy duty as you would expect. The shafts are 1½ inch stainless with bronze props, rudders and struts. The boat I ran had the factory installed bronze wheels changed to Columbian stainless props with an improvement in speed, fuel consumption and less vibration. These stainless wheels are expensive but can pay dividends in one season if you do a lot of running to the canyons.

The 2800 is also available in twin SeaDrive configuration and many fishermen who like the reliability and easy service of outboard style engines may go for this option.

Overall, I was very impressed with the Coastal 2800. Close inspection of hardware, fit of hatches and teak work and the general layout all come together in a very fishable boat. The boat I looked at had a tuna tower, full canvas enclosure, overhead electronics box for SSB, VHF and radios, Rupp riggers and was truly rigged to the limit. The owner, Ed Scott, had made several runs to the canyon for yellowfins and many inshore bluefish trips and was very pleased with his choice.

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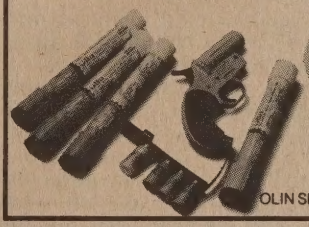

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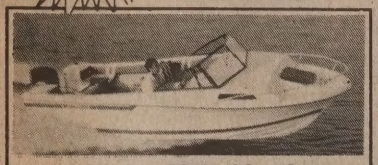

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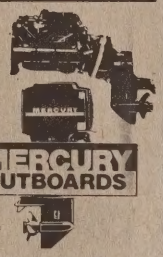

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Product Review

SHIMANO BAIT RUNNER PLUS

by Jim White

For years, spinfishermen have wished there was a way to fish cut or live bait like you could with a conventional outfit. From trout fishermen drifting live shiners to bluefish chummers, the appeal of spinning tackle is universal.

Many devised their own way of fishing their spinning tackle when rigged with live bait. Everything from elastics to specially made strike indicators were used with varying degrees of success. Somehow, all those things seemed to get in the way at the wrong time and cost a big fish.

Well, spinfishermen, worry no more because Shimano has done it again. The convenience and fishability of lever drags has come to spinning reels with Shimano's new Triton Baitrunner Plus Series with front Fightin' Drag. In addition, Shimano's revolutionary Baitrunner feature gives the angler the ability to let the bait work naturally, with the bail closed and the reel in total free spool.

The front Fightin' Drag is comprised of two parts, similar to a conventional lever drag. It has a pre-set knob located in the center of the drag and a drag lever that functions the same as a conventional lever drag. The pre-set knob is knurled for easy adjustment. This is a nice feature, particularly if the angler's hands are wet or slippery. It's also slotted for making adjustments with a coin or screwdriver.

The drag lever works like the levers found on big game trolling reels, letting the angler fight fish within a broad range of settings matched to the line weight being used. On the Baitrunner Plus, there are three distinct positions which can be selected: Minimum—turned all the way to the left as you face the reel; Maximum—the lever is turned all the way to the right; Strike—an audible click lets the angler know he's at the strike position. It's located two-thirds of the way between minimum and maximum.

To adjust the drag, begin tightening the pre-set knob. Check the drag pressure by turning the spool by hand, pulling line off. Serious anglers may run the line through the guides,

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measuring it with a scale.

Once the ideal "strike" setting has been determined, Fightin' Drag will automatically remember the setting. The drag will substantially increase as the lever is turned towards maximum. This setting allows you to put heavy pressure on a fish, but won't, in most cases, allow you to exceed the breaking strength of the line.

The other key feature of the Triton Baitrunner Plus is Baitrunner, which lets the bait work naturally with the bail closed and the reel in total free spool, just like in lever action reels.

After using one for only about ten minutes I found that the reel was very easy to get used to. All the fisherman has to do to activate the Baitrunner is just flip the Baitrunner lever to the "on" position, this disengages the drag. You then turn the tension adjustment knob on the rear of the reel for optimum spool tension for the size bait or whatever technique you're using. This setting will vary from total free spool to heavy. All you do then is flip the Baitrunner lever to "drag on" for casting. Instead of holding the line and working the bait after casting, you simply close the bail and flip the Baitrunner lever to "on." Your bait is now ready to swim or drift naturally just as it would if you were using a lever drag reel.

When the fish hits, an audible strike alarm alerts the angler, like the click on a conventional reel. All you have to do after the fish takes the bait is either turn the handle or flip the lever to "drag on." This will automatically engage the drag and you can now set the hook and fight the fish.

Shimano engineers took into account that fishermen could be fighting large game fish with this reel and they beefed up the construction accordingly. The reel features 3 stainless steel ball bearings and Shimano's legendary Super Gears, to take the stress of big game fish. Because saltwater does such a job on metal, they made the reel out of graphite, which is totally non-corrosive, with a reinforced graphite spool for more years of trouble free fishing.

I found the reel easy to use, cast after cast, with its BioGrip stem, ergonomically designed for user ease, to help eliminate the soreness developed from frequent casting. After using one of these reels all that means is that your wrist and forearm doesn't tire as easily because of the way your hand fits around the newly designed reel seat. And you'll be really happy when you spend less time retrieving and more time fishing with gear ratios that vary with models from 4.2:1 to 4.8:1.

If you like fishing bait but don't like conventional reels, take a look into one of these new Baitrunners. It just might be what you've been waiting for.

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Manufactured by: Shimano, Inc., 1 Shimano Drive, Irvine, CA 92718; (714) 951-5003.

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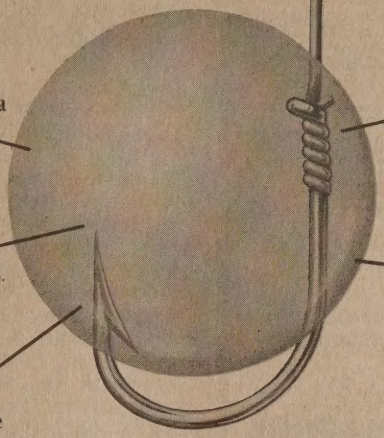

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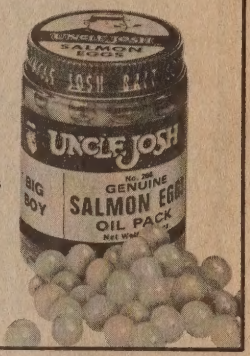

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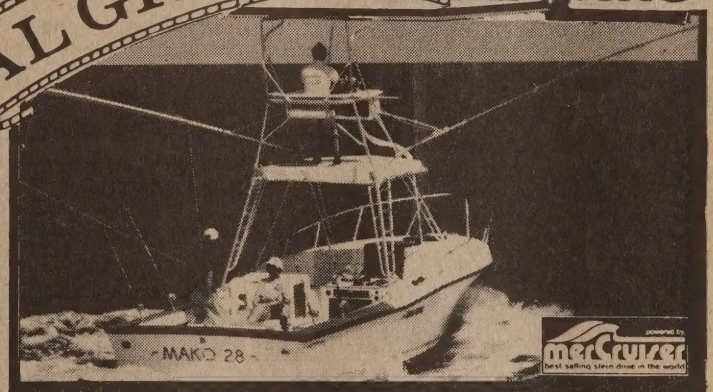

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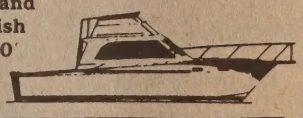

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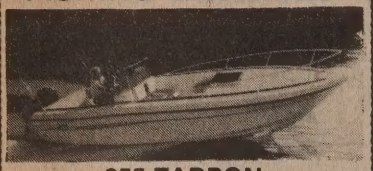
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The Tackle Doctor

by Ken Freel

Dear Doc,

I've been looking in several tackle shops for small beads to use for making flounder, fluke and weakfish rigs, but I'm not really finding what I want. I like to try new and unusual colors to see how they affect the fishing in different water conditions on cloudy or bright days. Sometimes my fooling around actually does catch me more fish; sometimes it doesn't work at all.

Mail order places I've tried also seem limited in their selection. My best luck has been at tackle shops that cater to tuna fishermen. They sell beads that are used along the leader of the lure under the vinyl skirts.

Any suggestions where I might find some unusual colored beads?

Jim Polozotto.

Hi Jim,

Experimentation is fun and can add a lot to the day, not necessarily in more fish caught, but in gaining a better understanding of what works and doesn't work, why fish hit and why they don't.

I've had good luck with beads by visting the arts and crafts stores that are found at many shopping malls. While my wife hits Macy's, I check out the art supplies. They sell the tuna type beads, called tri-beads, in so many colors you'll be amazed. They also sell many other styles from round beads in silver, gold and pearl to many other kinds with varying finishes and colors.

Just don't tell the sales clerk what you plan to use the beads for. I know from experience she'll look at you like you're ready for the funny farm.

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Dear Doc,

I am new at trout fishing and would like to read a book that has a lot of the basic information. I've purchased several books on the subject, but each one is miles ahead of where I'm at with my experience level.

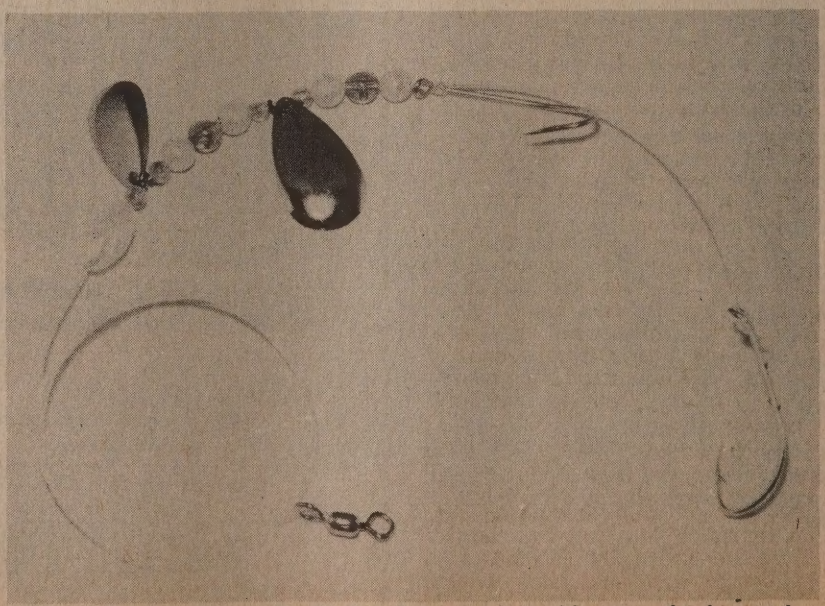
I've done a lot of fishing over the years and am not a novice, but I've learned that when starting something new it pays to get good info right off the bat instead of wasting a lot of time "flying blind" so to speak.

Ask me about freshwater bass fishing and I'll talk for hours, but trout is a different subject. Please recommend some books I can read to bone up on the basics of trouting and such things as leaders, fly fishing tackle, fly patterns and when the flies should be used.

Tom Simms.

Hi Tom,

Getting off to a good start can make a big difference and I can appreciate what you are up against. I, too, have read many books on freshwater trout fishing and most of them seem aimed at the advanced fly angler, not the everyday trout fisher-



Beads for dressing up terminal tackle come in a wide array of colors and sizes. ***Dick Mermon photo.***

man.

There are two books I can recommend and both of them cover the basics, fly and spinning, some background on the species that make up the trout family and lead into some more advanced topics.

The first book is written by Bill Cairns, titled ***Basic Trout Fishing****. It is published by Stonewall Press, Inc., 1241 30th St. NW, Washington, DC 20007. It is also available from Trout Unlimited at PO Box 1944, Washington, DC 20013. My copy cost $8.95, but the price may have changed since I purchased my book three years ago.*

The second book is published by our own Fisherman Library selection and is titled ***Fishing For Trout****. It is written by Andy Gennaro and costs $4.95 plus $1 for postage and packaging. Send a check or money order to The Fisherman Library, 1620 Beaver Dam Rd., Pt. Pleasant, NJ 08742.*

Both books are a welcome addition to any trout fisherman's book shelf and will not leave you scratching your head wondering what in the heck a "filadapturus jobscurus" is and what do you do with it.

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Dear Doc,

This summer I will be in California on a business trip, but can take a few days off after my conference is completed, so I thought I'd take a trip on one of the boats that fishes the Baja Peninsula. Can you tell me anything about this fishing: what does it cost and how do I make reservations?

Fred Girard.

Hi Fred,

The Baja trips are the fisherman's Mount Everest and many East Coast anglers make the trek to the Pacific to do battle with tuna, wahoo and marlin, plus many tough bottom species.

Trips must be booked in advance, so I would write immediately to see what dates are available. Some trips run for only 4 days, others as long as 16 days. The cost will vary with the length of the trip.

Tackle can be rented from the boat; bait is available. All you need bring is yourself, some clothes, camera and suntan lotion.

While I haven't made a Baja trip myself, I've talked to Captain Frank LoPresti of the Royal Polaris and can recommend him very highly. He is considered to be the best skipper in this area, his boat is famous for an attentive crew and nice accommodations. Of course, there are other boats available.

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Dock Lines

by Eric Burnley

Dear Eric,

I would like to know if you can provide me with plans on how to build a live bait well to keep bunker, killies and spearing alive. I own a 23 foot Starcraft and would also like to know if you have any ideas on some kind of a device that would keep the live well secure while under way and if I use a garbage can, will keeping the lid on have any effect on the bait.

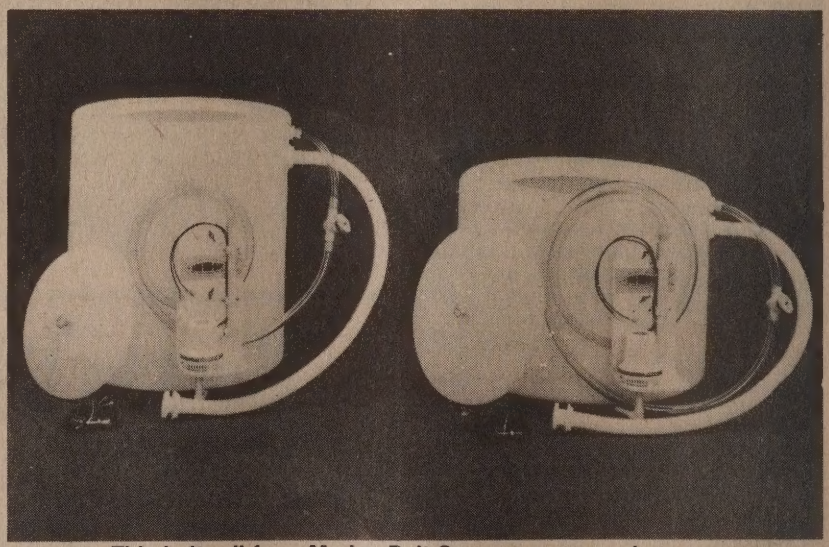
Micheal Oltedal.

Dear Michael,

There are several options for putting a live bait well in your boat. The choice depends on your mechanical and electrical ability as well as the type of bait you wish to use.

You mention spearing and killies, neither of which require a live bait well. The killies will do fine in a bait bucket tied off and kept in the water over the side. Spearing will not stay alive no matter how you keep them.

Most live bait wells are used to keep bunker, herring, mackerel, spot, small blues and mullet alive until you need them. These larger bait fish require fifty to one hundred gallons of



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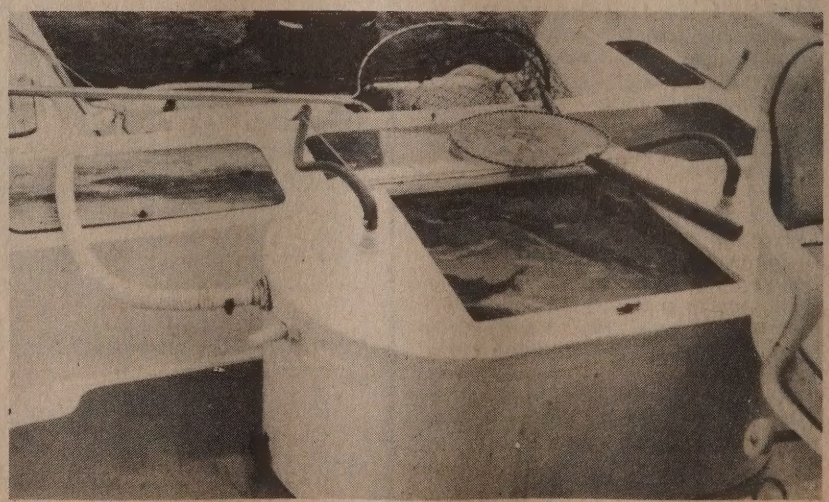

Large bunker tanks require a self-priming pump, like the Water Puppy, to supply enough water to keep alive. Pick-up can be mounted through the hull or on the transom. Use a pump with at least 3 gallons per minute of flow.

water and it must be circulating or have oxygen supplied to it from some sort of pump.

I have a 20 foot boat and use an 86 quart Igloo cooler as a live bait well. This is a simple setup requiring only a 300 gallon per hour bilge pump, a 2 foot section of 1 inch PVC pipe, capped on one end. A section of hose running from the pump to a 90 degree elbow on the pipe and some wire that runs from the pump to a 12 volt DC power supply. The 2 foot section of PVC pipe is drilled with 1/4 inch holes every inch or so along its length.

The bilge pump is placed in the bottom of the cooler which is filled halfway with fresh sea water. The PVC pipe is suspended from the hinges on the cooler using 50 pound test monofilament fishing line. I run the wires directly to the battery, but you could hook them up to a switch or a plug.

Once the bait fish are in the live well the pump must run continually or they will die from a lack of oxygen. Bilge pumps are not made to operate on a continual basis and won't last forever under these conditions. I carry a replacement pump for emergency repairs at sea.

If building your own live bait well is not your idea of a fun way to spend Saturday afternoon, you can purchase one already set up. The Caddy Company, 57 Bayonne Avenue, Dept. E, Central Islip, NY 11722, (516) 234-0144 has a complete line of live bait wells listed in a catalog that they will send you for twenty-five cents. I have spoken with several fishermen who have these products and all report excellent results with long, trouble free operation.

Securing the bait well in your boat is a problem that has several possible solutions. Keep in mind that a 50 gallon live well weighs over 250 pounds if it is full of water, so keeping it from sliding around is a safety as well as a convenience consideration.

There are wooden brackets available that mount on the deck and keeps coolers in place. If the cooler is to be permanently mounted, the brackets work well, but if you only use the cooler when fishing with live bait, the brackets can be a tripping hazard.

I have found bunji cords will hold most anything in place. When used with a heavy object such as a live well, it takes three or four of the longest and heaviest available but when properly secured, they do the job. You may have to put in a few eye bolts, but these are much less obtrusive than wooden brackets and are normally mounted on a bulkhead, not on the deck.

You must keep the lid on any type of live well to prevent the water and the bait from sloshing out. Having the bait kept in the dark usually makes them less active and, therefore, less likely to injure themselves. Some baits don't do well in a square live well, so a garbage can or rounded live well such as the Caddy Company's are the solution.

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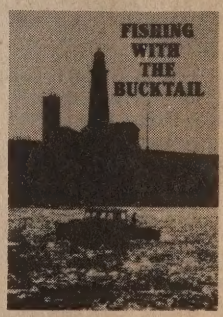

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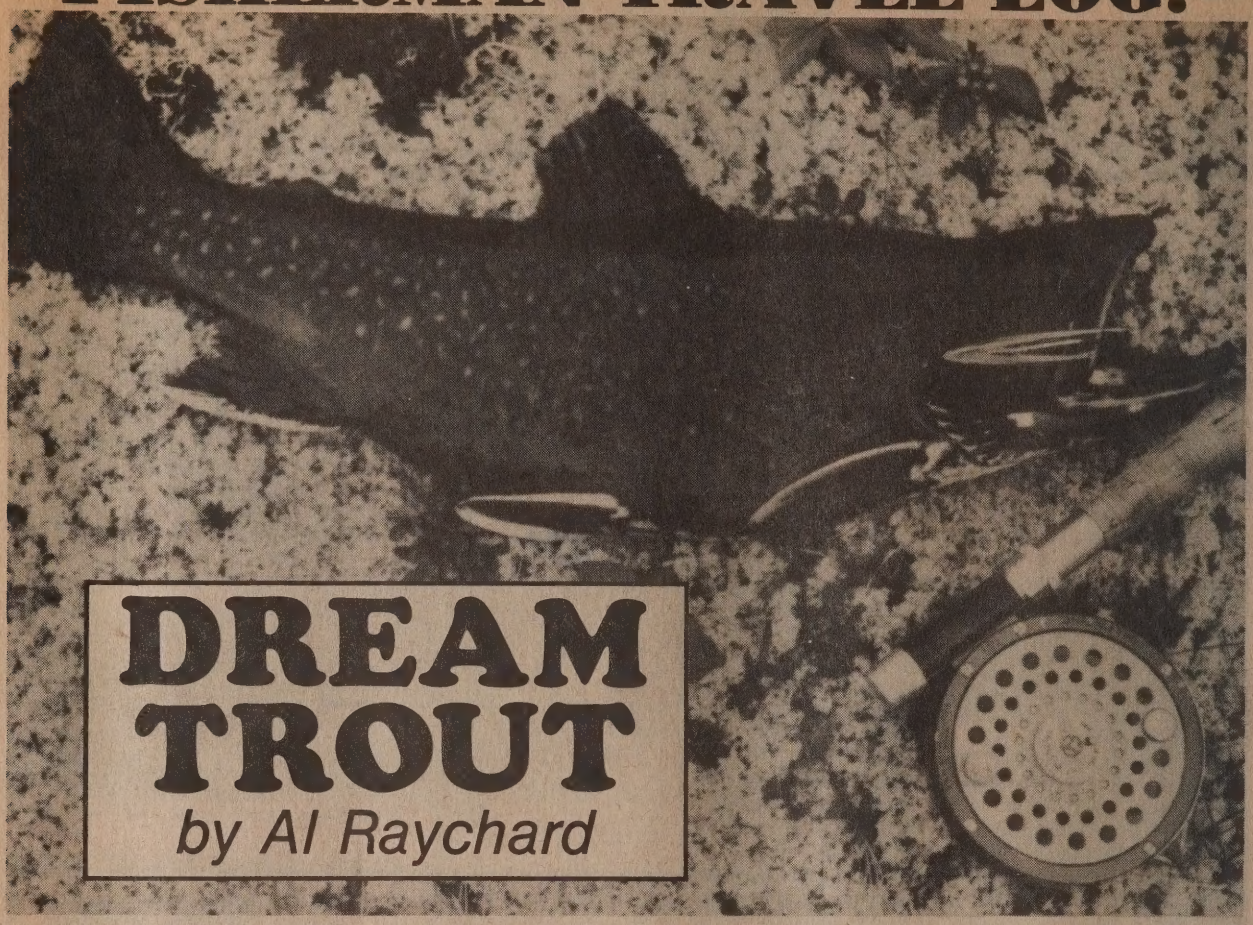

DREAM TROUT

by Al Raychard

I don't think a fisherman exists who hasn't dreamt about hooking into a 4 to 6 pound brook trout, playing it for several minutes, bringing it in and relishing over its perfect body form and beauty and then releasing it or bringing it home for the wall. Catching such a fish is simply something fantasies are made of, particularly when it comes to the brook trout. The brookie without question is special, a masterpiece, one of the most popular and sought after game fish in the world, especially when it comes to those between 4 and 6 pounds which are becoming harder to find.

It used to be a fisherman could jump in his car, head for northern Maine, northern New Hampshire or upstate New York and catch respectable size brook trout. Things have changed.

If the fisherman wants big brook trout today and generally lots of them, he has to go to Canada, to north central or northern Quebec or Labrador specifically. Since 1980 I have spent two to four weeks each summer in these two provinces. And although I have not visited or seen all there is to see (no man has or ever will) I have fished enough waters and spent enough time in the "far" north to honestly say the fishing is unbelievable and the experience second to none. A man can travel to either area for a week, and with a reputable outfitter, expect to catch trout running 2½ to 3 lbs., perhaps 4 lbs. everyday with a very real possibility of taking several between 5 and 6 lbs. There are a couple areas I know and have been to, where brook trout between 6 and 7½ lbs. are taken each year, at a certain time of the season.

But Canada fishing is expensive you say! True, compared to a week's fishing in Maine or even New York, a fishing trip to Quebec or Labrador is expensive. On the other hand, if you consider what you get for your money, excluding the fishing itself, which for brook trout is unsurpassed in North America, such a trip is a giveaway.

For example, with almost all Canadian fishing camps the fisherman receives all his meals, his lodging, guides, boats and motors and if you shop around, the flight by float plane into and out of camp is included as well. And the fisherman shouldn't think these backwoods camps and lodges are cheaply run, or living there will be rough just because they happen to be secluded and cut off from the outside world.

The contrary is often true. The meals are prepared by an experienced cook and at the better camps, are well prepared, hearty, tasty and you can eat your fill. The guides are carefully selected in most cases, know the waters well, and will go out of their way to ensure their sports have a fishing trip worth remembering. They want you to come back and they work hard to make you happy. The majority of camps and lodges in the Canadian bush are clean, sturdy, weatherproof, heated with wood or oil stoves; some have running water and shower facilities. Some camps have even equipped themselves with a sauna and showers. The boats are generally aluminum and any camp worth their salt makes sure their motors run properly.

So, this is what you get with many fishing camps in Canada. Again, I admit it's more costly than a week in Maine, but if you take all that is offered, plus the trout fishing opportunities itself, plus the current exchange rate between the American and Canadian dollar, the serious trout fisherman cannot get a better deal anywhere.

There are, of course, literally hundreds of fishing camps and lodges in Quebec and Labrador available to the American fisherman. The question which most always comes to mind is, which one do I choose and how do I know I'll get what I'm paying for?

Indeed, selecting a camp strictly on the information in a fishing magazine can be risky and somewhat of a gamble. They all sound so good; then when you get there it's nothing like you imagined. Because of this fact, I

prefer, and most always book and arrange my trip through a reputable booking agent here in the U.S. Of the dozen or so trips I have made to Canada in recent years all have been arranged this way. I call or write, ask what they have to offer and after the brochures arrive in the mail, I call and start asking questions. Have you been there before? If so, were you satisfied with the lodging, meals, guides, the fishing? what is the best time to go?What about added costs, license fees, do the guides speak English? I also ask about fishing conditions, what is the lake or river like? Do you wade, troll, fish from shore or boat and what flies and/or lures are best? If the outfitter says he has never been there before, I am usually hesitant to book with him, knowing he is getting his information from the same brochure you have and other clients he has sent. I prefer to ask and get firsthand information. It works best that way.

Fortunately, there are a couple reputable booking agencies here in the northeast representing some of the better fishing camps in Quebec and Labrador. The best way to locate one is to flip through the pages of fishing and sporting magazines and look for advertisements. Personally, I have booked my last four trips through Outdoor Travel International which operates here in Maine. OTI represents the four camps mentioned in this article and it was the fact that Kerry Herbert, the agency's president, has been to each operation and was able to offer firsthand information which convinced me to book the trips. I got exactly what Herbert said I would and the fishing was worth the money spent and it is this fact which makes me feel safe in recommending the agency. They are truthful, helpful, tell you like it is and take care of their clients from start to finish. I like that, too!

You can contact Herbert by writing: Outdoor Travel International, 12 Windingway, North Windham, ME 04062 or by calling (207) 892-8830 or (207) 284-4326.

I have always been a trout and salmon enthusiast and, like many fishermen, the bigger the better. Although native squaretails running from 2 to 4 or 5 lbs., can be found in many lake and river systems of Quebec and Labrador, I know of only one which has made a reputation for consistently producing trophy fish and it is the Broadback-Assinica, situated approximately 90 air miles northwest of Chibougamau, Quebec. The Broadback is a lovely mixture of riffles, rapids and pools and although small compared to most Canadian counterparts big trout are the rule. And I mean **big** trout! Consider the following.

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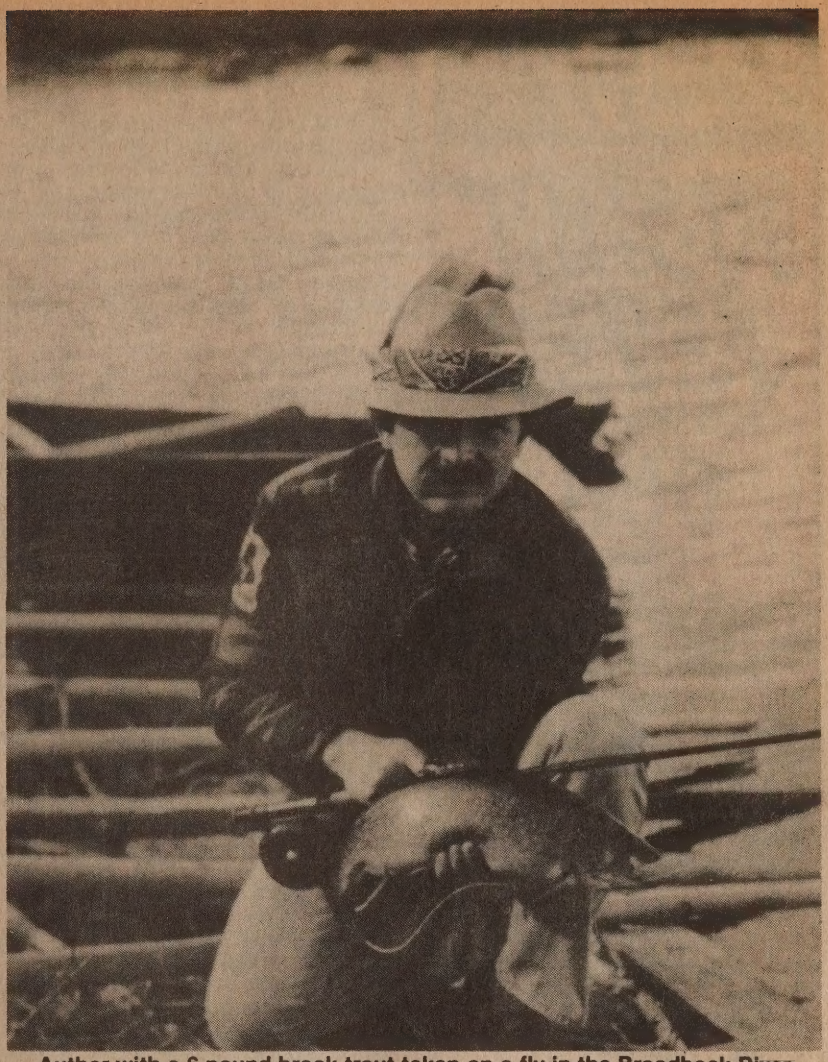

Author with a 6 pound brook trout taken on a fly in the Broadback River.

and the river has produced more 10 pound and over brook trout since 1959 than any other Canadian fishing camp. I first fished the Broadback in 1983 and witnessed the taking of several 7-7½ lb. fish, some 6 pounders and quite a few 5 pounders. The best time to fish for these large speckles traditionally is during the last two weeks of August to the close of the fishing season in early September, although active fishing is available all season long. The Broadback is primarily a fly fishing only river, and there is a camp regulation stating only one trophy trout over 5 lbs. may be taken. All others must be released.

Another river in Quebec, but more west and a bit further north is the Caniapiskau, specifically that region in the headwaters near the fishing retreat of Jack Atwood's Kaniapiskau Fishing and Hunting Camps, approximately 80 miles west of Labrador City, Labrador. Of all the rivers I have fished in Canada, the Caniapiskau is truly one of the most spectacular and one of the richest in forms of brook trout and landlocked salmon, called ''ouananiche'' in Canada. In as few words as possible, the Caniapiskau has something for everyone. There are riffles and rapids and deep pools for the fly fisherman who likes the challenge of moving water and the river is big enough for the trolling enthusiast interested in trying for lake trout running 6 to 15 lbs. or so. Atwood does not restrict fishermen to the use of flies only and those who prefer lures will find this river a productive challenge, too. Trout between 3 and 5 lbs. are the average with examples up to 6 lbs. quite possible.

Should you ever go to Atwood's camps, make sure you spend a day at Speckle Trout Rapid. This is a beautiful stretch of river two hours away by boat which offers several miles of eddies, riffles, pools and rapids, undoubtedly some of the most spectacular trout water I have ever seen. Then again, the same can be said of the river just a few minutes walk from camp. You are surrounded by productive water and I dare say, you will not want to leave when your week comes to an end. The Caniapiskau is that kind of place.

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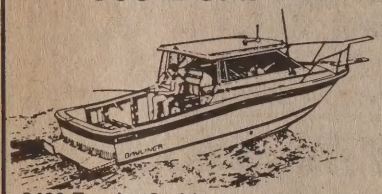

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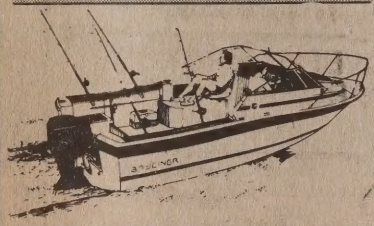

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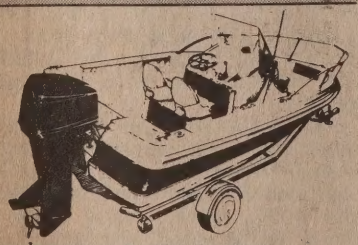

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Ashuanipi's Lake Albert Camp is also a river fishery primarily offering brook trout and ouananiche. It is much like Lake Milner, except it is not restricted to fly fishing only. Lure fishermen find Lake Albert a real challenge and I personally think the fishing is faster with the same 5 lb. fish available. Their camp at Dyke Lake is basically for trolling enthusiasts interested in big lake trout. There is some moving water, however, where casting for brook trout is possible. In each area, the camps are new, built of plywood, heated by oil stoves with all meals, guides, boats, motors and transportation in and out of camp supplied as part of the package price.

And finally, there's the fishing camps at Atikonak, another massive water system located approximately 150 air miles east of Labrador City. This is primarily river fishing although there is enough area and water for some serious trolling if that happens to be your cup of tea. The main game fish is brook trout, of course, which averages 3 to 4 lbs., with 5-5½ pounders quite possible. There is also ouananiche, some hellish northern pike which I have personally come to enjoy on light tackle and some lunker lake trout. Prime fishing time at Atikonak is any time from mid-July through August to the first week of September.

So, you have now had four Canadian fishing camps recommended, camps which are affordable, supply everything you need for an enjoyable week of angling, offer excellent fishing for a variety of species and four camps I have fished and stand behind. It's now up to you.

Keep in mind, however, any of these trips are not just a typical fishing excursion. Each is an experience where the angler travels to some of the most remote country in eastern North America. If you go, go prepared.

A quality set of raingear such as Gore-Tex is a must. It will rain during your visit and even if it doesn't, a rain parka can keep you warm against the wind which always seems to blow in that country. You'll also need some warm and cold weather clothing. It may reach into the low 60s during the day, then again it can be damp and chilly. It is most always cool in the evening. I generally take two or three changes of clothes, clean underwear for each day, a light jacket, sweat shirt or sweater, plenty of socks, hat, a pair of gloves or fishing mitts plus my personal bath kit with soap, shampoo, toothbrush and toothpaste, deodorant, comb, shaving kit and the like. I also take sun screen lotion, insect repellent, rubber boots for everyday use and a pair of polarized sunglasses. You don't have to take a lot of gear, just the right gear and your booking agent will be able to help you in that area so make sure you ask in case you're not sure. That's what they're for!

As for equipment, the thing to keep in mind is this is big water you will be fishing in most cases and big fish, so you need equipment that can handle the situation. If you are a fly fisherman, a rod of at least 9 feet designed for a 7 or 8 weight line is recommended. I also recommend a weight forward line to help defeat the wind conditions, and you will use a floating line much of the time, but you may find a sinking tip helpful and needed at times. Carry both. If you do not have a sinking tip, a full sinking line will do. For leader, nothing fancy is required. These fish don't appear leader shy. When they want a fly, they want it, just make sure your leader is strong enough to take the punishment. I use leaders 7 to 8 feet in length, made of level 8 to 10 lb. test Maxima monofilament. I prefer Maxima simply because it's camouflaged when in the water, it's very flexible yet strong. I have never had a problem with it.

For flies, any of the popular streamers used here in the northeast for salmon and trout work well in Labrador or Quebec. I personally like marabou streamers such as the Cardinelle, Black Ghost Marabou, the Grey Ghost Marabou, Sarah's Charm and Yellow Marabou. The Muddler is always an excellent pattern, particularly when used in conjunction with a marabou wing. Try it if you tie your own. The Footer Special, Red and White, Mickey Finn and Sculpin patterns are good, too. All flies should be good size, tied on size 4 or 6 hooks or 2X long or 4X long hooks.

For lure enthusiasts, make sure you take along some Dardevles in various sizes. They work well on everything from trout and salmon to lake trout and pike. Mepps spinners, Mooselook Wobblers, Al's Goldfish and Pixies are all popular as well. They can be used for trolling also, and you will want some large ones for the lunker lake trout.

Your reels and rods should be medium to heavy weight, keeping in mind these are big, big fish you will be fighting. I would not recommend any line under 20 pound test and my reel should be able to handle at least 200 yards. As for nets, there's no need to worry about them. The camps are well equipped. You should take along some chest waders or at least some hip boots. Chances are you will be doing some wading or walking in wet areas during your trip and they come in handy, especially for the fly fisherman and spincasting enthusiast.

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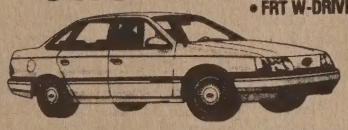

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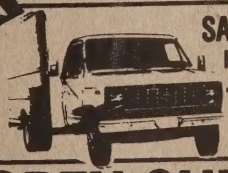

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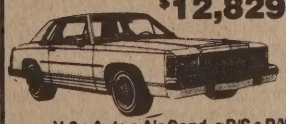

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BROWNS OF THE CROTON WATERSHED

by Jim Capossela

New York City's watershed system has a well earned reputation for producing trophy browns.

On ten large reservoirs in Westchester and Putnam Counties (more than 8,000 acres in all) the season on trophy brown trout never ends. From these impoundments of the New York City watershed system, "soaker" browns of 20 pounds and better have been taken. While late spring is the very best time, there really is no month when action stops.

In Westchester, the following reservoirs are open year-round for trout: Kensico, Amawalk, Cross River, Titicus and Muscoot (on all but Kensico, ice fishing is permitted). On one additional Westchester impoundment, Croton, there is an extended trout season which runs from April 1st through November 30th.

In Putnam, the next county to the north but still only a long hour from New York City, these lakes are open for trout 12 months a year: Croton Falls, Diverting, West Branch, Gilead and Glenida. Ice fishing is permitted on all of these.

It's important to note that not all of these lakes produce browns equally. Of the ten, only Cross River, Titicus, Kensico, Croton Falls and West Branch are actively managed for and annually stocked with browns. These five are easily the best for this species, though the others certainly hold some surprises for those anxious to get off the beaten path.

Although there will always be much overlapping, there are several fairly distinct "seasons" of the brown trout here. The ice out period generally runs from mid-March to mid or late April. This year, the ice persisted very late, pushing things back a few weeks. Because boats cannot legally be launched until the first Saturday in April—and also because the weather is generally cold and adverse—most of this ice out brown trout hunting is done from shore. Even during this cold period, night and very early mornings are the best times. Hardy devotees of this sport set up lanterns, toss out their shiners, prop up their rods with "cans" (to signal strikes) and sit back and wait. Sawbellies work better than shiners, but unfortunately, sawbellies or "alewives" are rarely, if ever, available from local bait shops this early in the season. For this early spring night fishing, I prefer to fish a fairly steep shoreline near the dam. In fact, some of the most popular areas on the lakes can be detected by watching for steep banks (often sandy) where anglers have trod down the vegetation.

Night isn't the only time to take browns during the early season. In fact, this is by far the best time for the boatless fishermen to nail a bragging size brown trout. During the day, weather conditions mean everything. Cloudy, choppy days are best and if it's drizzling, snow-flurrying or otherwise nasty, so much the better. Pick a shoreline that the wind is blowing into. The wind will push the warmed surface layer toward shore and this slightly warmer water may attract baitfish and/or game fish. For this early season shoreline casting, use a fairly long, light to medium action spinning rod of 7 feet and cast wobbling spoons such as the Krocodile or Sidewinder. Work the lures slowly along the bottom. Try to have two spools of line: one 4 lb. test and the other 6 lb. If it's very choppy and somewhat murky, try the 6, but if you're not getting results drop down to the 4 lb.

As mentioned, I like to fish fairly steep shorelines. Browns do cruise the shoreline after ice out, but I don't believe they often wander up on the "flats" where they have to travel a long distance to reach the safety of deep water. Another type of early season location to look for is a causeway pipe (really a stonework tunnel). West Branch and Croton Falls, for example, each have large causeways that bisect a portion of the lake. Under each of these there is a tunnel so that the water can move freely back and forth. Some anglers even fish bait in the daytime around these pipes, but you can also cast lures. If you do fish bait, try one on top with no weight and let it dance around. Try another with a very light split shot so the bait will be pulled slowly and tantalizingly to the bottom.

From late April to late May most serious brown trout men have switched to boat fishing. This is the "spring turnover" period and it can be difficult. The thermocline has not clearly formed yet, and so the browns are likely to be anywhere. My theory is that during much of the year the browns cruise constantly in search of schools of baitfish. This is especially true, I believe, when their preferred temperature isn't yet found anywhere in the lake (i.e., early spring, late fall and winter). Your best shot during this in-between period is very early in the morning, from before dawn to about 7:30AM. For one thing, sawbellies are most often near the top at dawn and dusk. Combine this with the distinctly nocturnal behavior of browns and you see why that late night/early morning period is so good. With the surface still very cool, fish will cruise the upper layer but more in the open expanses of the lake than along the shore. One tactic is to drift quietly with an unweighted or lightly weighted sawbelly. Or, troll a floater-diver plug, such as a silver Flatfish, or a herring ThinFin Shad, off the transom. When the sun is just about to poke out and the mist is laying heavy on the water is the time to be out. Most people sleep too late, though, and miss this magical hour or so.

Later in the day, action can still be good if it's cloudy or better yet, stormy. Then I might stay longer and try drifting sawbellies a little deeper.

Trolling isn't a method that greatly appeals to me, so I don't use it in the spring when there is still a good chance of taking fish by other ploys. No doubt, though, the good trollers are already scoring by early to mid-May.

Both in the Catskill reservoirs and in the ones we're discussing here, the last week of May through the middle of June is prime time. I would bet that more big browns are netted during this time frame than any other. I believe the reason is temperature: a high percentage of water will now be in the brown's favored range of 56 to 62 degrees and the fish will respond by becoming very active. If, for example, you can fit in only one trip to Pepacton or Canonsville, when should you go? My advice would be to do it between Memorial Day and June 10th.

From about the third week of June through September is the summer period on the watershed. Now, a boat is really needed. During this season, a good tip is to fish as close to the dam as you legally can (on most of the reservoirs that's 500 or 1000 feet). Not

only is this where the deepest water occurs, but I also believe it is where strong currents are created by the lake's outflow. With the exception of the spawning period in fall, fishing is generally much better near the dam than uplake.

In summer, trolling is the method of the day. Since no motors of any kind are permitted, it is oar power only and in a 2,000-acre lake that can mean work. Bring a boat seat to support your back; it will help greatly.

Without motors, downriggers give mediocre performance at best. For deep water trolling this leaves wire line and lead core line. My choice and the choice of many others here, is lead core. When I do troll, which is not too often, I take the advice of experts I know and fish just a single flutter spoon off a mono leader. At this time of year, a thermometer is a must. With color coded lead core line you can never be as accurate with depth as with a downrigger, but at least you can try to come close. Of course, if you nail a fish with so many colors out you can just let that many colors out again.

A midsummer storm can be a dynamic time to fish the reservoirs for jumbo browns. When a strong cold front blows in and kicks off squalls, heavy rain and wind, I get on the water as fast as I can. A steady rain can also trigger activity, but in all cases, cloudy and somewhat windy days are far, far better than sunny, calm days. During stormy conditions, brown will often move right on up to the top, even if the surface is still very warm. During such explosive periods, it pays to keep an extra rod rigged up with a spoon or plug so you can cast to any fish you see surface.

In October, the fall turn-over commences and by this time the hunting season has drawn the majority of sportsmen away from the impoundments. I've done well in October, though, by drifting bait or trolling from the shallows to about 20 feet down. During the fall, I've also had very good luck fishing near feeder streams. All of the top brown trout lakes except Kensico have feeders of a significant size and these can attract the browns, which spawn in the fall.

With spawning off their minds, I believe most browns move back down toward the general direction of the dams by late November. Now, the same tactics used during ice-out can produce results. This is cold fishing, though and with the deer season open very few fishermen venture forth. When the first good ice forms, it's another matter. Although the water is cold at all levels, browns do feed all through the winter and goodly numbers of intrepid ice anglers venture out in search of an icy cold trout for the dinner table. I think the real key to taking browns in winter is structure. My best luck has come on submerged sand bars and in distinct, sunken stream channels (carved before the rivers were dammed). My records further show that most trout I've taken in winter were caught between about 15 and 25 feet of water. I've taken a fair number right near shore in less than 10 feet of water, but I have never taken fish in 40 feet or more even though I have tried all depths many times.

The question you will ask, of course, is how do you know where this underwater structure is located. Some fairly decent maps of some of the reservoirs are sold in local tackle shops, but even the better ones do not accurately show structure. It must be found with a depth finder in summer, or better yet, during drought periods when the lakes are drawn down.

And there is the #1 tip for taking **all** species from these lakes: get out and map them when the water is down and all their secrets are laid bare.

Note that day to day cartopping is not permitted on the reservoirs. Boats must be registered to and left on a particular lake, chained to a tree. A free watershed permit is available to all persons over 16 years of age, either in the water supply office in Manhattan or at the watershed office at the aerators at Kensico Reservoir in Westchester County. You also need a boat permit for each boat you leave on the reservoirs. This is also free and may be obtained from the City of New York, Water Supply Office, 2358 Municipal Bldg., New York, NY 10007.

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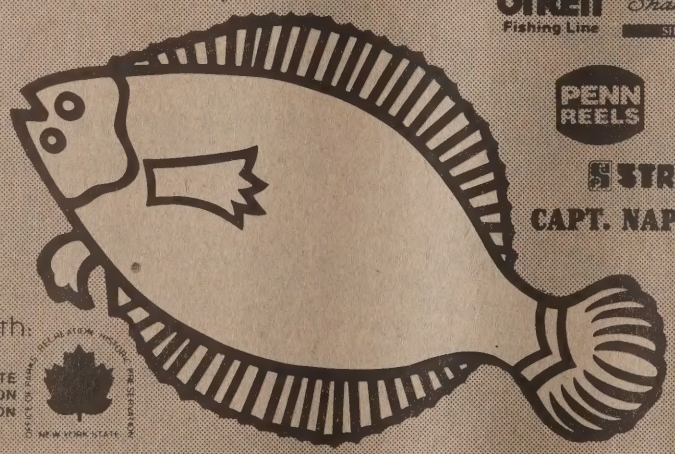

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THE KILLER RAIN

by Al Raychard

The problem is still with us and it's not getting any better.

Recently rain has taken on a new perspective with me, a new meaning from what I thought as a kid. It is no longer the pure precipitation our grandmothers used to collect for wash day nor the water that falls from our northeastern skies with the same blessing which has saved our region from drought over the decades. In an increasing and threatening way, rain is fast becoming a curse, a black plague, if you will, which has been credited with defacing statues, destroying fauna and fragile ecosystems and wiping out entire fisheries. Indeed, to me, rain has become a gray area. We need it, our lives depend upon it yet our very lives are threatened by it and with each passing year I wish it would rain no more!

For the past 30 to 35 years the acidity of rain and snow in the United States, primarily in the northeast region of the country, has been increasing. The term "Acid Rain" has become more and more common in newspapers, research journals and magazines. Already, precipitation over the eastern U.S. and Canada is at least 10 times more acidic than normal and in some areas it is 1,000 times stronger, being more like vinegar than water. In the 1930s precipitation through much of the U.S. averaged a pH of at least 5.6 which is where it should be for things to run normally. At present, however the pH (potential hydrogen) of rain here in the northeast has been averaging 4.2 with values as extreme as 2.1 and 3.0 recorded. What this means, in layman's terms is the rain that falls on our woodlands, houses and crops and the rain that fills our lakes, ponds, rivers and streams is becoming more and more acidic and unless things change we will have to pay the dire consequences.

But what is acid rain? Where does it come from? How does it affect the world in which we live and how serious is the threat? These are all concerned questions and their answers are complex and, in some cases, unclear. However, what is clear at this point is the world we know today is rapidly becoming more acidulous and we are already beginning to see its results.

First of all, acid rain is the term used by the scientific community to describe rain water that has been contaminated by sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide. These pollutants are emitted into the atmosphere from power plants burning coal and oil, largely in the Midwest and, as they are carried away by winds and mix with water, molecules are formed over a period of days into nitric and sulfuric acids. Other contributors to the problem include smelters, steel mills, factories and automobiles.

When these acids return to the earth in the form of rain or snow, sometimes hundreds or thousands of miles from their origin, it arrives in the form of acid precipitation or, acid rain; in most cases many more times acid than normal rain water.

Sulfuric acid, of course, is highly corrosive, so are nitric acids which are used to make bombs. In some areas rain is so acid it has started to eat away statues, is killing trees and destroyed insect life and vegetation creating millions of dollars worth of damage annually. In this country alone, it is estimated that upwards of 30 tons of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide, from which sulfuric acid and nitric acid derive is emitted into the atmosphere annually. This is no small problem.

To understand acid rain better and to understand how it affects fish, for example, it is important to understand how acidity is measured and at what point fish cease to exist under acidic conditions. Normal rain water is slightly acid with a pH of 5.6. The pH scale runs from 0 to 15; a pH of 7 is neutral; in effect, pure. A pH in the 7-17 range is acidic and from 0-7 is alkaline. The scale increases logarithmically so that each whole number represents a tenfold difference. So, the rain now falling over much of the northeast U.S., which has been averaging 4.2, is more than 10 times more acidic than normal and in some cases, 1,000 times more. Brook trout, a salmonid species most adaptable to low pH levels generally cannot survive below pH 5.0 and may even be affected by even higher pH levels with smallmouth bass and walleye and many other fish equally or more sensitive. While it would seem that northeast waters, due to the acidity of our rain, would be void of fish the truth of the matter is, a great many have died due to acid rain, but others have been able to survive due to natural buffering in the earth. Acid rain seems to be more of a problem where natural buffering, such as limestone in the soil is weakest and in high altitude ponds, although the problem is widening and starting to affect waters at lower elevations.

In fact, the number of affected waters in the northeast may alarm you. Areas under immediate concern and observation include the entire state of New Hampshire, most of New York, but especially the Adirondack region, a huge chunk of Vermont's "Northeast Kingdom," much of Rhode Island, three major areas in Maine and the entire southeastern portion of Massachusetts from the margins of Cape Cod to Boston plus a tract around Springfield and Holyoke that extends from 20 miles east of the Connecticut River well past the foothills of the Berkshires to the west.

In fact, the most recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) study on acid rain showed that 9.015 lakes in 15 eastern states are sensitive to acid rain with New Hampshire, of all states surveyed having the most lakes that are acid rain sensitive at 84 percent. More than 75 percent of Rhode Island's lakes are acid sensitive with 68 percent of the lakes in Maine and 62 percent of the lakes in Massachusetts being sensitive. While the study does not say these lakes have been affected by acid rain at the present time, only that they are "acid sensitive," it does state in no uncertain terms that continued acid rainfall on these lakes will cause changes that adversely affect aquatic life—including fish.

Has acid rain had any confirmed effects on northeast waters? The answer is yes! In New York at least 180 lakes and ponds, mostly in the Adirondack area are fishless today due to acid rain. Brook Trout Lake, Indian River and Ice House Lake are but three. Attempts to bring these and other "dead" lakes back by liming has been under way, but even if successful, unless controls are put on the amount of pollutants emitted into the atmosphere and enforced, it is but a short term solution.

Throughout the acid sensitive regions of Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Maine, the situation is about the same. At this time no lakes have actually been declared dead from acid contamination, but there is clear evidence many lakes are falling victim to the phenomenon, especially in the high mountain areas. In Maine, for example, which is pretty much buffered from the full onslaught of

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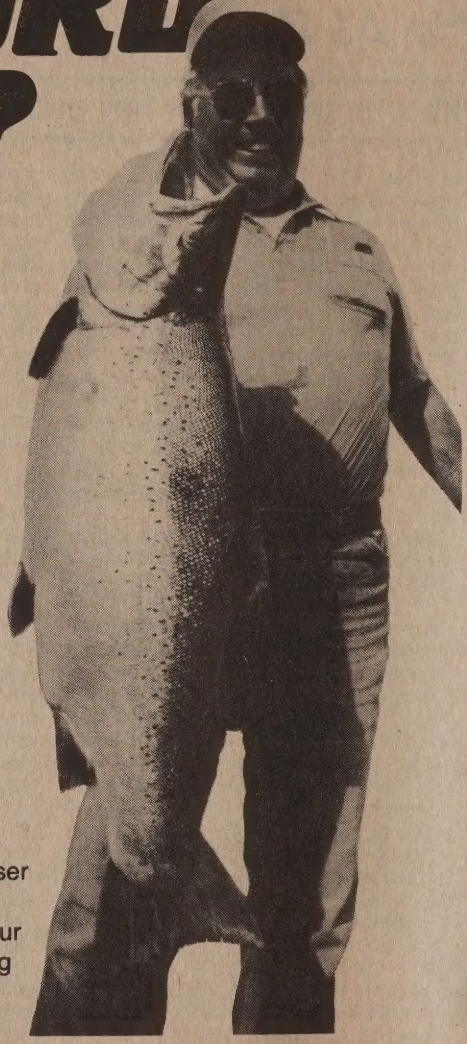

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acid rain by the Adirondacks, the Green Mountains in Vermont and the White Mountains of New Hampshire, recent surveys have concluded the chemical changes in some ponds point to early stages of acidification. Maine ponds currently under study include East Chairback Pond in the remote Barren-Chairback Mountains in the north central region of the state, Old Speck Pond near Grafton Notch, the Klondike in Baxter State Park and Tumbledown Pond near Weld where acidity declined from 5.5 in 1964 to 4.8 in 1978.

Again, while there is no proof any Maine lake, pond or river has been irrevocably affected by acid rain, according to Robert E. Foye, Assistant Chief of Fisheries Division with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, "This does not mean we won't be." Clearly the quality of Maine's waters is following that in other northeast states and the monitoring of Maine lakes and ponds remains high on the list of research projects. There is even concern that increasing acidity may affect Maine's Atlantic salmon rivers and restoration efforts on the Connecticut and Merrimack rivers. Acid rain is attributed to either subduing or killing off salmon runs in nearly a dozen Nova Scotia rivers already.

So the question is, is acid rain killing New England's fishing? It is my personal opinion that it is, based upon known facts: the death of lakes and ponds in the Adirondack region and the continuing acidification of waters here in the northeast from Massachusetts and Rhode Island north to Maine. It is the professional opinion of some scientists studying acid rain that New England waters will continue to acidify and thus become void of fish life as time goes on and unless something is done, thousands of lakes, ponds and rivers will be "dead" by the turn of the century!

Of course, not everyone is convinced the situation is as ominous as some scientists and studies point out. This is especially true with the industrial sector, largely due to their concerned interests and the billions of dollars it would take to curtail the situation and among politicians who are hesitant to enact more stringent anti-pollution laws in fear of taking on large corporations. It seems to be the philosophy in Washington and on the local scene that if it produces more energy, more jobs and more tax revenues, it's good! Perhaps so, in their perspective, but environmentally, it is a different story.

In the case of acid rain, the worsening situation may well be the result of half-completed environmental legislation of the 1960s. Higher smokestacks seemed to be the answer to pollution back then, but in reality pushing smokestacks higher into the sky, while making considerable difference locally only pumps the problem higher into the atmosphere to be carried further away. In fact, the

pH factor of waters of Ohio, where much of the pollution which falls on the northeast comes from, is better than in many areas of New York and New England.

No matter how you look at it, one thing is certain. Most of the nation east of the Mississippi River, particularly the northeast since we are in direct course of prevailing winds from the Midwest is getting rain many times more acid than normal with conservative figures suggesting 18 percent of the lakes and 21 percent of the streams in that area, again the majority in the northeast, are being polluted by increasing levels of acid rain!

So, what to do as a country, as a region and as fishermen? The answers and solutions are not simple nor inexpensive, but then again, they rarely are; but clearly something has to be done not just to save our lakes, ponds and rivers, but to save ourselves as well since increased levels of acid in our drinking water can present health hazards and has been attributed to destroying trees threatening the lumber and timber industry, among others.

First, two-thirds of the acid rain that falls on the northeast can be traced to the industrial Midwest, particularly Ohio, Pennsylvania and Indiana. It has been estimated that up to 80 percent of the pollution in these areas could be eliminated by equipping perhaps two dozen of the dirtiest plants with scrubbers—chemical devices that bubble the raw pollutants which cause acid rain through limestone. The cost would be about $2 billion experts claim, but expenditures of this amount could prove an investment since it would save upwards of $75 million in lost economic growth and damage to the environment! And the savings could be twice or even triple that since no one has yet to put a value on wild salmon and trout fisheries which would be lost and the revenues they generate through sport fishing.

The first step then, seems to be to equip these plants with scrubbers, but that is slow in coming since every trick in the book is being used to scare people against them such as loss of jobs and increased electric bills, even though it is believed employment would increase and cost consumers an additional two percent on their utility bill. State governments are hesitant to enact more stringent pollution laws for these very reasons, and so it is up to Washington to take the necessary steps, which, considering the bureaucracy, lobbying and the way things work down there slows things even more.

On the other hand, Washington could be our savior considering the fact that politicians react to public pressure. We, as citizens and sportsmen, should check with our representatives in Washington to see what is being done on the topic of acid rain and more importantly, what they are doing. They should be urged to support any legislation to curtail pollution and in particular and laws directly relating to acid rain.

As a member of sporting groups such as Trout Unlimited and the Federation of Fly Fishers and local fish and game clubs, contact your state legislatures calling for pressure on Washington since the first step in the long term comeback is to organize the victims of acid rain, in this case the states here in the northeast, doing so in such a way that it puts collective pressure on the perpetrators, which can only be done by the Federal Government. In other words, urge your state officials to join forces with the other northeast states to bring pressure on Washington as a single body. It will not be easy—but it can be done!

Other than that, there is, unfortunately little that can be done by individuals. Acid rain has grown into a political problem and must be solved politically since it transcends state and international boundaries. We can educate ourselves on the problem and talk to other concerned citizens asking for their help which more and more people are doing, keeping in mind public pressure on Washington is the only thing which will get the job done. Acid rain is a problem which cannot be seen, you can't taste it, smell it or hear it, and with a lot of politicians that's like not being there at all.

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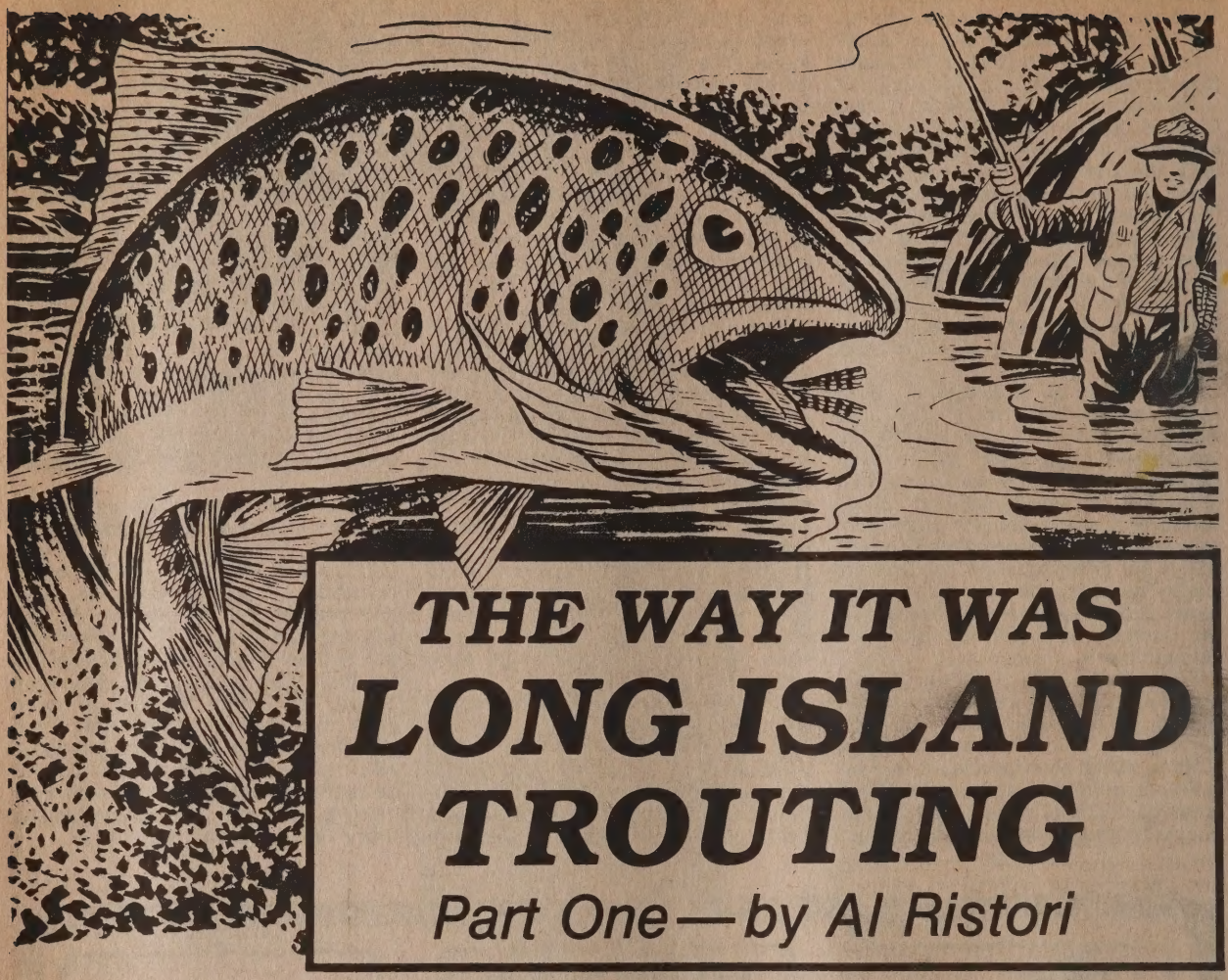

THE WAY IT WAS
LONG ISLAND TROUTING
Part One—by Al Ristori

A trout angler's library may be full of books describing the great areas around the world where his favorite quarry can be taken under favorable conditions, but chances are that none will mention the fabled trout waters of Long Island. However, such a book does exist—and it is interesting to look back on what local waters had to offer over a century ago.

Charles Hallock was, apparently, a well-known outdoor writer in his time. His book, "The Fishing Tourist" (Harper & Brothers, Franklin Square, New York), was based on the many articles of travel and adventure he had done for Harper's Magazine and was intended to serve as "a sort of Reference Book for Anglers and Tourists."

This volume was written to present "in a concise form, all the information necessary to enable gentlemen to visit successfully every accessible salmon and trout region of America." Hallock's observations were confined exclusively to the Salmo family "because I regard them as the only freshwater fish, excepting the black bass, worthy of the name of game fish—the earnest pursuit whereof leads where much substantial information can be gathered, with benefit to mind and body."

Fear not that what follows is not suitable reading for the entire family. The author's philosophy is expressed as follows in the Prefatory:

"A taste for out-of-doors sports must be nurtured carefully. Its growth cannot be forced. Gradually and completely can we wean our families from the dissipation, late hours, and unhealthy conventionalisms of fashionable watering-places. By degrees we shall teach our wives and daughters to participate in the favorite pastimes of their husands and sons; for do they not always take a warm interest in anything that affects us? Do they not sympathize with our views and plans, and mould their tastes to ours? Why, then, should not a sporting literature be provided which our women may read with pleasure, and our children with profit? More suitable or healthy light reading could not be put into their hands for perusal."

Just some fishermen might argue that their wives do not necessarily "mould their tastes to ours" nor do they always "sympathize with our views and plans" in regard to fishing, so, too, is modern day trout fishing quite unlike that of an era when Long Island was lightly populated and completely rural. Yet in those days, Hallock led off his guide to great trouting and salmon fishing with Long Island—to be followed by the Adirondacks, the Alleghanies, New England, the Schoodics (St. Croix River, Maine), Nova Scotia, Cape Breton, New Brunswick, Baie des Chaleurs (Restigouche River), the Lower St. Lawrence, the Saguenay, Labrador and Newfoundland, Anticosti, the Ottawa District, the Superior Region, the Michigan Peninsula, the "Big Woods" (Wisconsin area) and the Pacific Slope. To be sure, Long Island was included in some fancy company in those days.

Hallock set the stage in his Long Island chapter as follows: "The waters of Long Island are familiar to few beside the anglers of New York and vicinity, and although extolled by them, would hardly be appreciated, I fear, by the brotherhood at large. The most expert disciple of Izaak Walton may have wet his line in many a mountain lake and stream, or purling meadow-brook, and still have much to learn if he has never thrown a fly where the saline breezes blow over the salt marshes of the famed 'South Side', or attended the roysterous opening of the season on the 15th of March. For thus early, while interior streams are bound by Winter's fetters, and snow-drifts mount the fences, the waters of Long Island have been released by a more southern sun and the tempering breezes of ocean.

The ebb and flow of tide have purged them of snow-water, and the eager trout, after his long Lenten season, is glorious game for the sportsman.

"Long Island is said to resemble a fish in shape—a remarkable delineation of its physical character. Gotham experts deem it the finest trouting area in the world for scientific anglers, because none but skillful rods can take the fish of its creeks and streams. Worthy members of the brotherhood who are wont to steal a march upon the Culex family in their annual trips to the north, may have taken at times their fifty pounds of trout per diem in Adirondack or Canadian waters; but how much can such cheaply earned success compare for sport with the capture of a good half-dozen fish in waters where a tyro could not, perchance, provoke a single rise?

"For, be it known, Long Island trout are educated. They are not only connoisseurs in taste and epicures in diet, but quick to detect a fraud; they have been taught in the metropolitan school which 'cuts eye-teeth'. The marshy brinks of their brackish realm are as bare of cover as a floor, affording no screen for stealthy approach. The most delicate tackle, a long line deftly cast, with flies that drop as snowflakes on the unbroken surface—these are the sole conditions of success.

"The application of my remarks is to creek fishing only—to the outlets or streams which head in limpid ponds, whence, tumbling over artificial dams and purling under spreading willows, they wind through sinuous channels to the Sound or Ocean. Of course, the tide ebbs and flows in them, and the water is salt; but the trout are nevertheless the genuine spekled beauties of the mountains, in full livery of blue and crimson, and much improved in flavor by their access to the sea. They run in and out with the tide, and it is said that specimens have been taken in nets in the bays, three or four miles from shore. In these creeks one may angle without let or hinderance, though full baskets cannot be expected. To no others have I the right to invite the indiscriminate public. But there are magnificent preserves and private ponds, where full-fed monster trout can be caught by the score from boat or bank by inexperts, provided they have access thereto by proprietary indulgence, or the 'open sesame' of personal acquaintance."

Even over a hundred years ago, the "salters" of Long Island were not easy to catch—and it was only on preserves or in private ponds that the average fisherman could catch all he wanted. Basically, that's still the case—though there certainly aren't as many quality waters left for trout fishing. Next week we'll check some of those hotspots of another era and learn more about the experiences of the fishing tourist on Long Island shortly after the Civil War was concluded.

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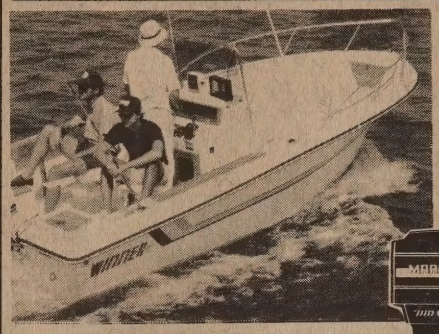

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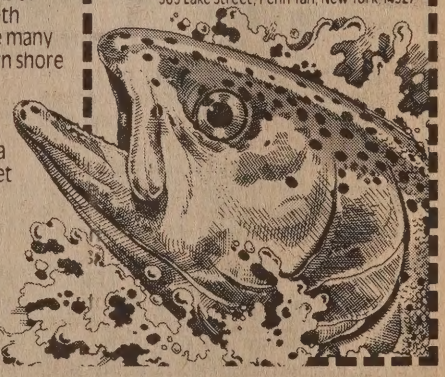

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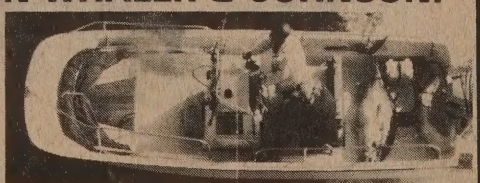

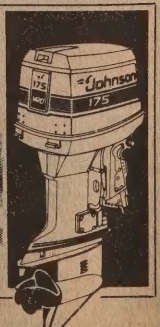

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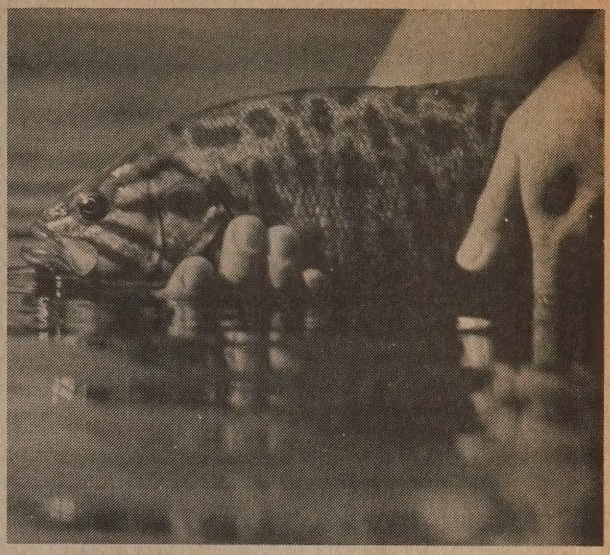

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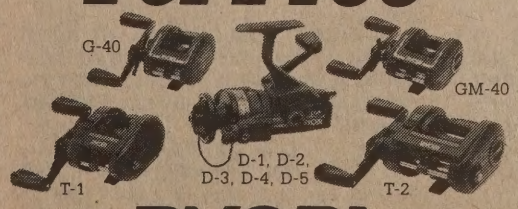

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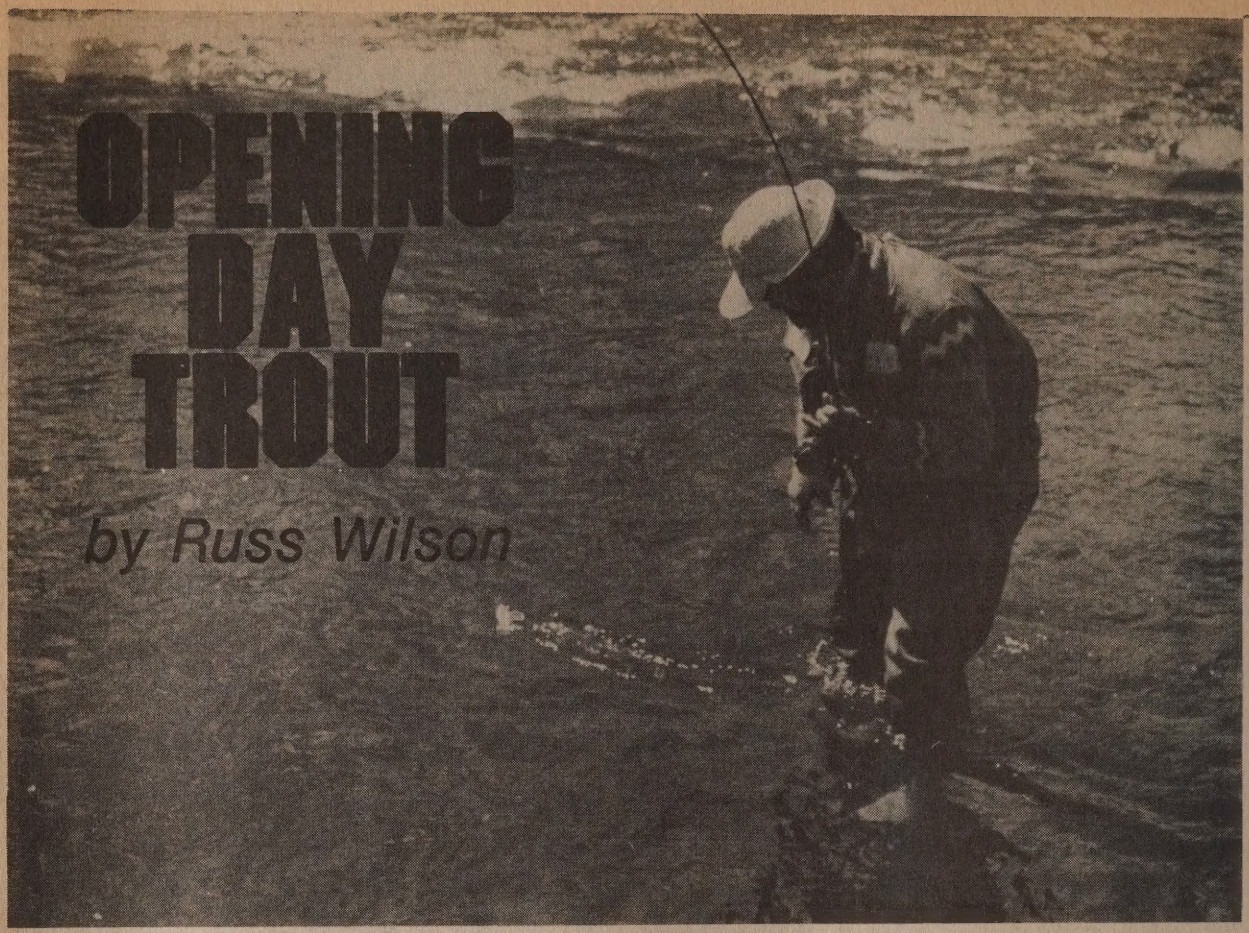

OPENING DAY TROUT

by Russ Wilson

The mere fact that opening day trout fishing offers exceptional opportunity to catch a mess of fresh stocked fish does not mean that the trout are going to be suicidal in their attempt to get caught.

This, unfortunately applies to all fishermen who probe the lakes, ponds, creeks and streams that are stocked with fish prior to the season opener. And many a would-be trout angler has discovered that catching hatchery reared fish is not quite as easy as it would seem, much to his dismay.

We, too, have been there and realize it can be very discouraging to fish waters that you know are loaded with trout that just won't show any interest in your bait or lures. Through the years we've picked up some techniques and tackle tips that should help others improve their scores when fishing early season waters.

Probably the most important ingredient to success is having the tackle that matches the size fish you are attempting to catch. You might take a few trout when using 6, 8 or 10 pound test line but you'll find that just changing to 2 or even 4 pound test will double or triple your success.

Same goes for rods and reels. If you've been fishing with a 6 or 6½ foot rod that is heavy enough to cast lures in the 1/2 to 1 ounce range you are overgunned for those 8 to 12 inch brook, rainbow and brown trout that make up more than 90 percent of the pre-season stocking schedule.

Most of the successful trout anglers we've known carried ultralight rods of no more than 5½ feet in length and quite often were armed with little 4½ footers that would snap into a full bend in a strong wind.

You might imagine the tackle wasn't up to the task; however, such is definitely not the case. A 10 inch fish isn't really going to put up that much of a fight. Even when taken from fast flowing currents, small, hatchery reared trout, just do not have the stamina to make lengthy runs or to put much pressure on the terminal tackle. As a general rule, they will splash around a bit and then come meekly to the net.

Big game fishermen who probe the blue water use 130 pound class tackle to tame big running battlers that often weigh in excess of a half ton.

A 10 inch trout might weigh a half pound. Two pound test line is still four times greater and anglers who rig with four pound test have an 8 to 1 advantage.

Beginning to get the point?

Experienced fly rodders know what it is all about. More often than not, an experienced fly fisherman will have a leader that tapers to one pound test. As a rule, he will outfish others who are using heavier tippets because with the lighter tippet it is easier to present a fly or bait that has a natural look as it drifts in the current.

Bait fishermen might follow the fly fisherman's lead by going to lighter tackle. There is no doubt whatsoever that it will increase your catch.

Of equal importance, when scaling down your trout tackle, are the hooks or lures you select. You won't need those large spinners, leadhead jigs and number 6 hooks you've been using in the past. Go to the lightest spinners you can find. Ditto for leadheads. Hooks should match the tackle, meaning that you should be using a number 10, 12 or 14 size hook when rigged with 2 pound test.

If at all possible, try to purchase hooks that are constructed of thin wire rather than the standard models. With two pound test you'll need lighter hooks so you don't snap the line every time you hang up on bottom or become snagged on an underwater obstruction.

Ever try tying a clinch knot in two pound test clear monofilament? If so, you'll understand why we prefer the soft hooks rather than those that are molded from heavy material.

There are other benefits to using fine wire hooks. For openers, you'll find they allow you a more natural looking presentation of baits. Small offerings such as garden worms, mousies, grubs, red wrigglers or hellgramites are not hampered in their normal movement by a light hook but will often be dragged along in an unnatural fashion when stabbed with a forged no. 6 or 8 model.

There is no doubt that you'll get better results with the light hooks because of their lack of visible bulk. And, as a bonus, the smaller barb of a #12 hook will penetrate quicker and is not as likely to come loose if you get into a situation where there is some slack line between you and the hooked fish.

The Aberdeen style hook is constructed of extremely soft material and will usually bend before causing the light monofilament line to part. If you can't find this style hook at your local bait and tackle shop, you might ask for the type hooks used by fly tyers. These, too, have less bulk and are equally effective for taking opening day trout from snag infested waters.

Early season trouting can be extremely exasperating. Spring rains will normally cause high water levels and the runoff from rains can, and will, keep waters murky and very uninviting in appearnce. You must remember, however, that the trout have nowhere else to go. They must live in the stream whether it is running crystal clear or looks like watered down mud!

Knowing how to *read the water* is what separates the knowledgeable trout angler from the duffer. Unless you know how and where to present your baits, it is not likely that you will ever become one of the ten percent who catch ninety percent of the fish.

It pays to think before you act. Study the stream, and watch for breaks in the current. This could be a tree branch, rock or other obstruction that causes the current to flow around it rather than in an unbroken pattern. dams, spillways and other man-made obstructions also create suitable trout holding habitat and will generally provide excellent opportunity for the early season angler.

Trout are not about to expend any more energy than necessary to find a meal than they have to. If they can lay behind the rock or beneath an undercut bank that offers some respite from the current, while at the same time provides a steady supply of easy to get food, they will.

For sure, you will find some dumb fish living in the center of an open stream. It takes stocked trout a few days to become acclimated to their new surroundings. However, once they learn that life in the wild means working for food and that they are living in constant threat of being eaten by a predator, stocked trout will not be quite as ignorant.

To be a success you must learn how to present your bait or lure. Haphazard casting isn't going to get results. It is your job to learn how to present each bait so it follows a near normal drift past the lair of the fish.

Experienced trout anglers will normally cast up into the current so their offering follows a downstream drift. If this is not possible, a cross stream cast will often prove just as effective. The technique of fishing a down-

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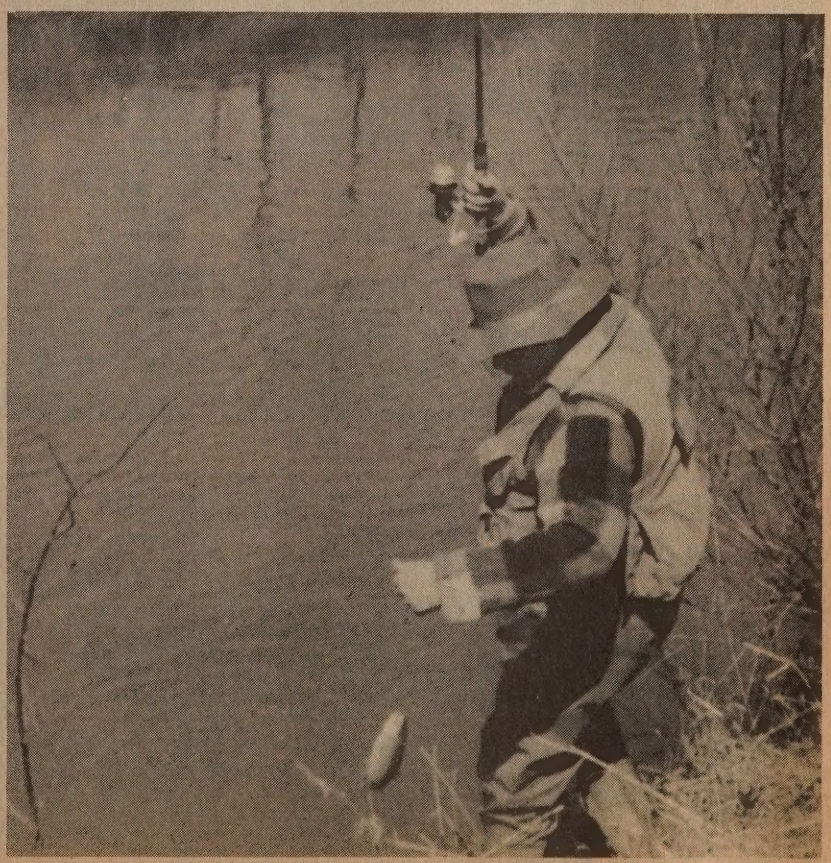
Early season trout, even those fresh from hatchery, are feisty fighters and will provide lots of excitement for the angler who follows the ultra-light tackle route.



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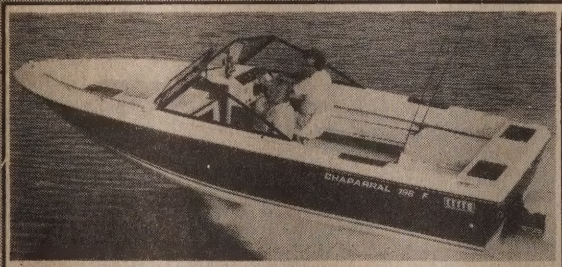
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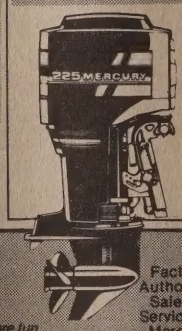
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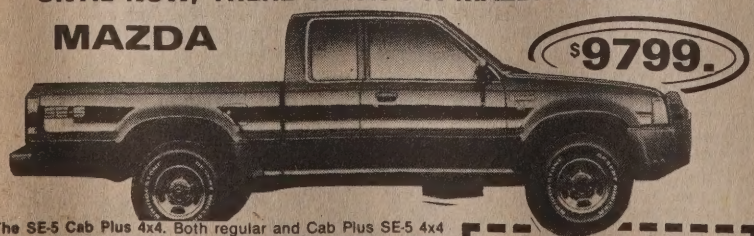
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stream drift is not as productive and should not be used unless absolutely necessary.

There are reasons for using these proven methods. An upstream cast will usually allow time for the bait or lure to get close to the bottom. This is where opening day trout live and by placing your baits at fish eye level your chances of scoring are greatly increased. Cross current casts, although not as effective as the upstream presentation, will still allow the baits to sink. The downstream presentation can be purely deadly when fishing streams that are stocked with brook strout, but it is not a very good way to tempt rainbows or browns.

There is a little creek that runs down from one of the mountains in Hunterdon County, New Jersey that always produces a lot of trout for us during the first couple weeks of the season. The fish that inhabit this small, and by small we mean 10 to 12 feet in width, and only 3 to 4 feet in depth, are about as cautious as any trout you will find. The little stream is not on the state's list of stocked waters and yet, each season we find plenty of fish living in its ultra clear waters. They are fish that were stocked into a major stream and migrated into the little creek when rain swollen waters forced them out of the main stream.

Trout living in this particular creek are not easy to catch. We've never taken one larger than 10 inches from the creek. But, the degree in catching trout from the crystal clear waters makes it very challenging and keeps us coming back season after season.

I seriously doubt we would ever catch a fish from the creek if we used heavy line and large hooks. Two pound test is about the maximum and any bait that is attached to a number 10 or larger hook is sure to be ignored by those streamwise rainbow and brown trout that inhabit its fast flowing waters. On more than one occasion we've gone to one pound test leader tippet material and a #16 dry fly hook and still had some trout that would not touch our baits.

Brook trout are a bit less cautious but still require some finesse. No one has ever accused the brook trout of being smart. That is why they are no longer native to most eastern streams and are easily overfished in the remote Canadian wilderness. Greed and stupidity was the downfall of the brook trout and the intrusion of man put the finishing touches on the native population of these brightly colored fish.

Browns, especially those that have been hooked and lost, can be real tough to catch. Once they have felt the sting on the hook, browns are less eager to grab anything that comes their way. Not only are streamwise browns hard to catch fish, but they also attain greater weights than do the brookies and rainbows that inhabit identical waters. This makes them a more highly prized fish due to

the challenge they provide.

A lot of opening day fishermen will luck into a bragging size brown that made it through the winter and may get the impression the fish isn't really all that hard to catch. Don't you believe it. Try that same fish later in the season when water temperatures have risen into the upper 60s and natural insect life is more abundant. Chances are, you'll not get a sniff when using bait or lures, for the fish has now taken to eating naturals and won't flick a fin to pick up a juicy worm or lively minnow.

We've fished the Musconetcong River in New Jersey for a number of years and always been amazed at how quickly a hatchery reared brown trout will become a savvy streamwise survivor. Brookies and rainbows are quickly caught out but brown trout that escape the initial opening day rush will generally become night feeders or will eat only natural insects when a hatch is in progress. Some may even turn cannibalistic and will eat brook minnows, fatheads, chubs and smaller trout that venture into their domain.

Many of the browns and rainbows will make it though the summer, as evidenced by the number of 3 to 6 or 7 pounders that are taken during the winter when a lack of natural food will cause them to lose much of their normal caution.

Long Islands trout anglers are all too familiar with the challenge big browns and rainbows that inhabit the Nissequogue and Connetquot Rivers provide. Both streams are stocked on a regular basis and are among the finest fly fishing waters we've found in the east. Thousands of experienced fly fishermen work these streams on a continuous basis and you might imagine they catch every fish that is released from the nearby hatchery. Such is definitely not the case. We've had some trout come for a fly that were big enough to make our hands shake. The wake of a big brown that is bent on eating a muddler minnow or nymph can cause you to tremble and more often than not, you'll strike before the fish has had a chance to eat.

Most of the public trout waters throughout the Metropolitan Area do not afford the opportunity to latch onto a big trout. By learning more about the waters you fish and the trout that inhabit them, you'll have a much better chance at catching more of whatever size fish is available.

Opening day of trout season can be a delightful experience in spite of the crowded conditions and often cold weather. It can also be the most frustrating day of fishing you'll ever have. By going the ultra light tackle route, and taking the time to learn how to fish a specific stream or creek, you'll swing the odds to your side. You may not come home with a trophy size brown or brightly colored rainbow, but you'll certainly have some fish to eat. Is there a better way to start a brand new fishing season?

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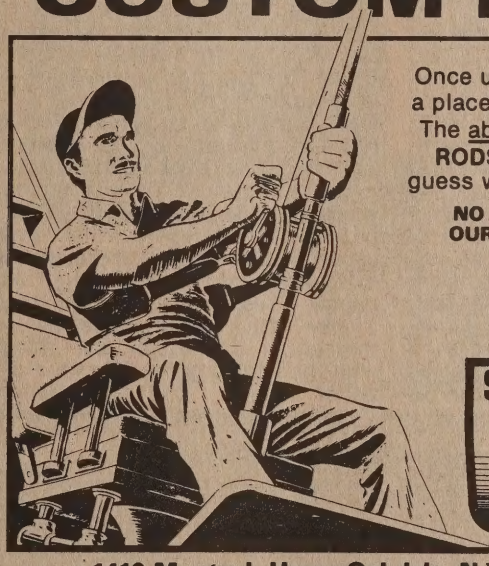

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MASTER FISHERMEN

by Matt Ahern

You know, I believe the greatest compliment one fisherman can pay another is to say to his buddy, "Hey, Joe, here comes that guy I was telling you about. He always catches fish."

Are there really fishermen like that? Yes, indeed. But—and I'm sorry to say this—I'm not one of them. Sure, I have my share of good fishing days as we all do, and as we all do, I also have my share of those not so good. I say this because I don't want you to get the idea that I'm a hot-shot fisherman. Perish the thought. By no means would this apply to me.

Take that time I was party boat fishing for sea bass. We were hitting the bass pretty good most of the morning. Then came the expected lull while the fish regrouped their forces, or whatever it is sea bass do when they decide not to feed for awhile.

It didn't take long for boredom to set in. I stood there in the stern, gazing over the sea. Some minutes later my neighbor at the rail nudged my arm. He pointed out a tall fisherman sandwiched between several of his buddies, just below midship and halfway up the starboard side. "Watch this guy," my neighbor said.

Even as I watched the tall fisherman set the hook and reeled in a good-sized sea bass. He rebaited and in minutes he again set the hook into a nice bass, whereupon he nonchalantly lifted it over the rail and deftly removed the hook and dropped the fish into his near-to-brimming bucket.

"Lucky guy," my neighbor commented. "He's been knocking those sea bass dead for the past half-hour. Found a sea bass hole, that guy."

I made no reply. I didn't know how that fisherman managed to catch sea bass while the rest of us stood by and watched. But I know one thing: that fellow had a lot of skill going for him. It wasn't luck; far from it.

Now, I know if you've been fishing awhile you've also met fishermen like this "lucky" fellow. The sad thing for many of us is that we don't see these fishermen every time we go out—would that it were so. But things aren't too bad, for there are enough of them around so that we may learn—**if** we ask questions.

And while I've certainly asked my share of questions and consequently learned much, I've always come away from these discussions with the conclusion that all these fellows have a deep and abiding love for every aspect of their chosen sport, plus an extra-large portion for their finny quarry. Yes, every one of these "lucky" fishermen are hopelessly enmeshed in a "red-hot love affair" with the fishing game. For want of a better name, I call these fellows "master fishermen"—a name which has been known to bring belly laughs from non-believers.

I've found that for some of these fishermen, this love for the sport comes naturally, for others it is acquired through desire and diligent effort. Perhaps I'm wrong, but I believe that without these requirements all fishermen are just average in ability and relegated to mediocrity.

If a natural talent is lacking, how does a guy go about becoming a master fisherman? There is one requisite: **desire**. An all-consuming desire to join that select few. Not a wish, mind you, but a genuine heartfelt desire to excel. Without question, that's all one needs to become a master fisherman.

Sure, I know you like to fish—else why would you be reading this magazine. But do you LOVE to fish? Quite a difference in definition. Do you enjoy everything about the game? Everything? The good with the bad? Could you return home today with a poor catch and the proverbial wet fanny and still be raring to go back tomorrow—knowing full well there is slight chance of bettering your results? You could? Fine. You'll be a master fisherman yet.

Do you read The Fisherman from cover to cover? Are you getting everything out of it you should? Do you prefer the gentle art of sinker bouncing as opposed, let's say, to the pursuit of stripers with all its demanding knowledge and years of trial and error required to become successful? All well and good, and I'm all for you. But hold on a minute! Did you pass up that feature striper article because it held little interest for you? Friend, take my advice. Read that article. All fishing articles, not just a choice few, form the base for a solid foundation in your chosen sport. Subconsciously you will retain information that will spur you to think. To apply. To experiment and modify. Every master fisherman knows this.

Even if he's certain that what he's read is "old hat," that he's read the same information dozens of times, it matters not to the master fisherman. He knows from past experience that his reward will come when a certain explanation or twist in a familiar article will "ring a bell" in the dark recesses of his every-hungry, knowledge-seeking mind. The probable answer to a nagging question is at hand. And he profits from it!

Therefore, lesson number one is this: Read—and then read some more. Study—and then study some more.

Use intelligent thought. Learn by doing. Which is another way of saying you should experiment. Experiment! Experiment! All master fishermen I know do this. They may not devote their talents to this end on every trip, but you may rest assured that at least one of those fish-catching methods which earned them their coveted title came through experimentation. So what if your experiment fails? Eh? So what? Only you and the fish will

Teaching youngsters to appreciate all aspects of the fishing game can start them on the road to becoming "master fishermen."

know—and they aren't talking. But what if it works? Ah, yes, indeed.

Therefore, lesson number two is this: Experiment whenever the opportunity presents itself. You can't go wrong.

How do you feel about fish cleaning? Do you enjoy it? You should. Do you know how to fillet your catch? You should. Do you know how to snell hooks so that you may make rigs to your own experimenting specifications? You should. Do you keep a record of every fishing trip? An absolute must.

Do you know how to tie the Improved Clinch Knot? The Perfection Loop? The Surgeon's End Loop? Do you know exactly what hooks to use for the fish you seek? Do you know hook differences—and what those differences are? Have you studied the history of hook-making? (Quite interesting; check your local library.) Do you know what sinkers to use under certain conditions? Which to avoid? All these you should know, for they are the basics.

Every master fisherman I know has a running knowledge of these subjects. He (or she) has learned them the hard way, either through trial and error, or burning the midnight oil. And I can say this: they enjoyed every step of the way.

Lesson number three is this: Learn the basics—and quickly!

And this, my good friend, is how I believe these master fishermen attain their coveted title. The manner in which they achieve their know-how, that particular know-how that guides them into using the precise method needed to put fish into that bucket—trip after trip, like a well-oiled machine, year in; year out.

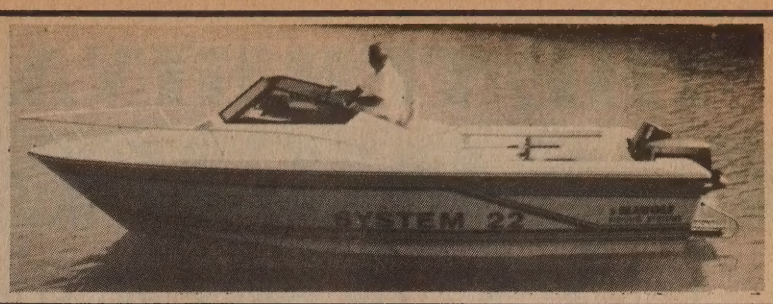
Before I conclude this article I'd like to relate a little story I've used many times to illustrate such articles as this.

Some years ago in Cherry Valley, New York I watched a farmer kid fishing from the bank of a creek. I'll never forget him. He was having a wonderful time catching yellow perch, sunfish, rock bass and other panfish. Every time he landed a fish, he became ecstatic. He talked to it softly, he lovingly traced its lines with his fingers, commenting all the while on its coloration and any unusual features it might have. All this he did just before each fish was returned to the creek.

I remarked that I believed he must really love those fish. "Why shouldn't I love 'em," he replied. "We've both been born and brought up in the same neighborhood. I love 'em with all my heart."

If you can gather the full impact of what that farmer kid meant, and act upon it, I'm sure someday someone is going to spot your arrival at some fishing place and say to his buddy: "Hey, Joe, here comes that guy I was telling you about. He always catches fish."

By then, my friend, you will have become a master fisherman.



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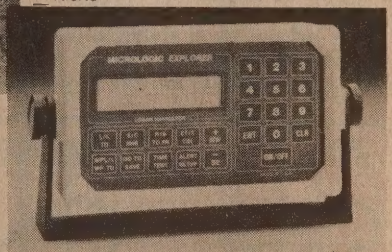

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THE TERMINAL END: THE RIGHT HOOK

by Russ Wilson

More and more of today's sophisticated salt and fresh water sportsmen are discovering there is more to catching fish than just tying any type hook to the business end of the line.

You would no more attempt to catch a winter flounder with a 10/0 Sea Demon shark hook than try to subdue a half ton bluefin with a tiny number 8 flounder hook. And yet, many unknowing fishermen try to use a hook that is entirely too small or too large for the kind of fish they catch.

It is impossible to complete the fishing rig series without including some specific information regarding the various style hooks and under the various situations each model is utilized.

Like most fishermen who cut their teeth in the freshwater arena, we had some difficulty adjusting to the salt. When fishing freshwater lakes, ponds and streams we did not have as great a variety of fish and could get by with only a few proven hook styles in two or three sizes. Once the transition to saltwater was undertaken, we faced an entirely different situation. Probably, our greatest test came when attempting to learn what kind of hook is used for individual species of fish. As we quickly discovered, every fish that lives in the salt has a different mouth structure, eats a wide variety of foods and requires a completely different approach.

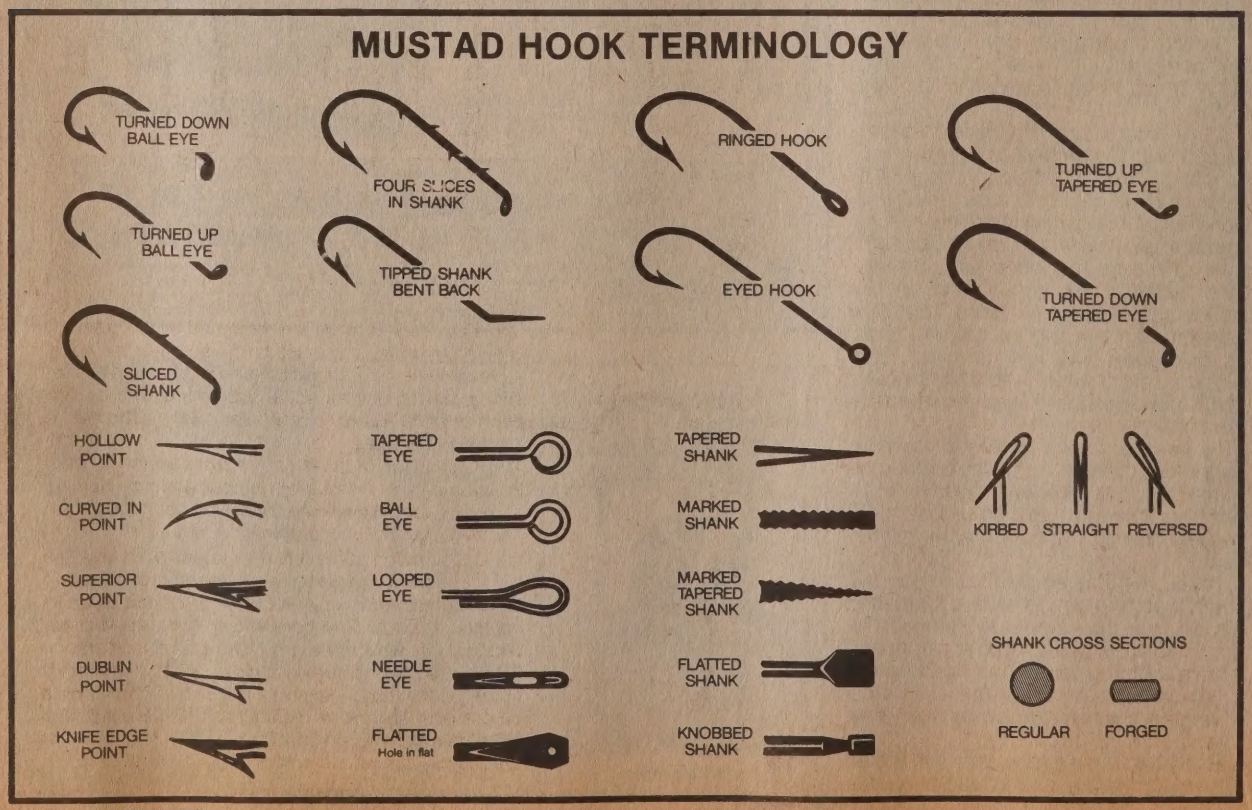
During the early years most of our efforts focused on the surf and jetty fishing for striped bass, weakies, blues and maybe some fluke and blackfish. It did not take the I.Q. of a genius to figure out which style hooks performed best and in short order we had this type of fishing wired. But, when probing the salt, it does not end with flinging a baited hook into the shallows and hauling in fish after fish.

Next came the boat. Oh yes, saltwater fishermen must have a boat. Where else can we pour our extra money? We started off with a 12 foot aluminum planing hull that skimmed across the waves at flank speed with a little 3½ horsepower outboard that had seen better days. We quickly moved up to a 14 footer and from there went totally crazy by going all out with an 18 footer and a 70 horsepower outboard.

Unfortunately, once you have a boat you *must* investigate new waters, and as your horizons expand so does the need for larger boats, bigger engines and more sophisticated fishing techniques. Along the way, you'll discover rigs that worked when fishng inshore shallows for stripers and blues are as out of place as last year's fashions when utilized in the offshore environment.

More trial and effort followed as we adjusted our thinking and learned how to tie different rigs and experimented with many new hook styles, various models, finishes and in a variety of different sizes.

Today, after more than 35 years of probing inshore and offshore waters of the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf Coasts, we feel confident enough to offer suggestions to others who may not have had as much exposure to the many different species of fish that in-



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Do not for one minute, think you are going to get away without spending money. There is no way anyone can fish saltwaters effectively without laying out some hard earned cash to purchase the necessities. Hooks just might be the most important part of your arsenal and if you try to skimp in this area your results will suffer accordingly.

You can, of course, buy ready made rigs. These are available at most any sporting goods outlet or tackle shop. Most commercially tied rigs are reasonably priced, contain quality materials and will catch fish if used correctly. There is no doubt, however, that by tying your own rigs you can cut the cost considerably while at the same time getting rigs tied exactly the way you want them to be made.

There are some basic items you will need. Start off by purchasing a supply of swivels, both barrel and three way, some connecting links, snaps and also combination snap and swivels. You can buy regular swivels or can purchase quality ball bearing swivels. If you have the cash, I suggest you consider the ball bearing models for they do offer better service and longer life.

You will also need some type of leader material to make your rigs. Leader material can be purchased in pre-cut lengths (usually 42 inches) and by the ounce or pound. Some tackle shops will sell pre-cut leader material by the dozen, but in order to save, you should buy in bulk quantities.

Again, do not attempt to cut corners. If a specific rig requires 10 pound test leader and you have only 20 or 30, do not try to tie with what you have. Buy the right pound test material!

We normally buy our material in bulk and will have a supply of 10, 15, 20, 30, 40 and 50 pound test monofilament leader material on hand.

When making rigs for big game species such as tuna, marlin or sharks we'll have cable, single strand wire and all the necessary crimping sleeves, a supply of hooks in the correct sizes, large size barrel swivels and a pair of high quality crimping pliers laid out before beginning the rigs.

Most rigs for inshore fishing are quite easy to tie. All you really need are the necessary basic items including leader material, swivels and, of course, the model and size hook you will be using for each specific rig.

We usually try to tie up a bunch of identical rigs at each sitting. It will make life easier if you have everything close at hand so you don't have to keep getting up to find material for each new rig.

If we are working on fluke rigs, we'll have a box of loose hooks, three way swivels, leader material and a nail so we can tighten the completed snell before attaching the three way swivel at the opposite end of the pre-cut

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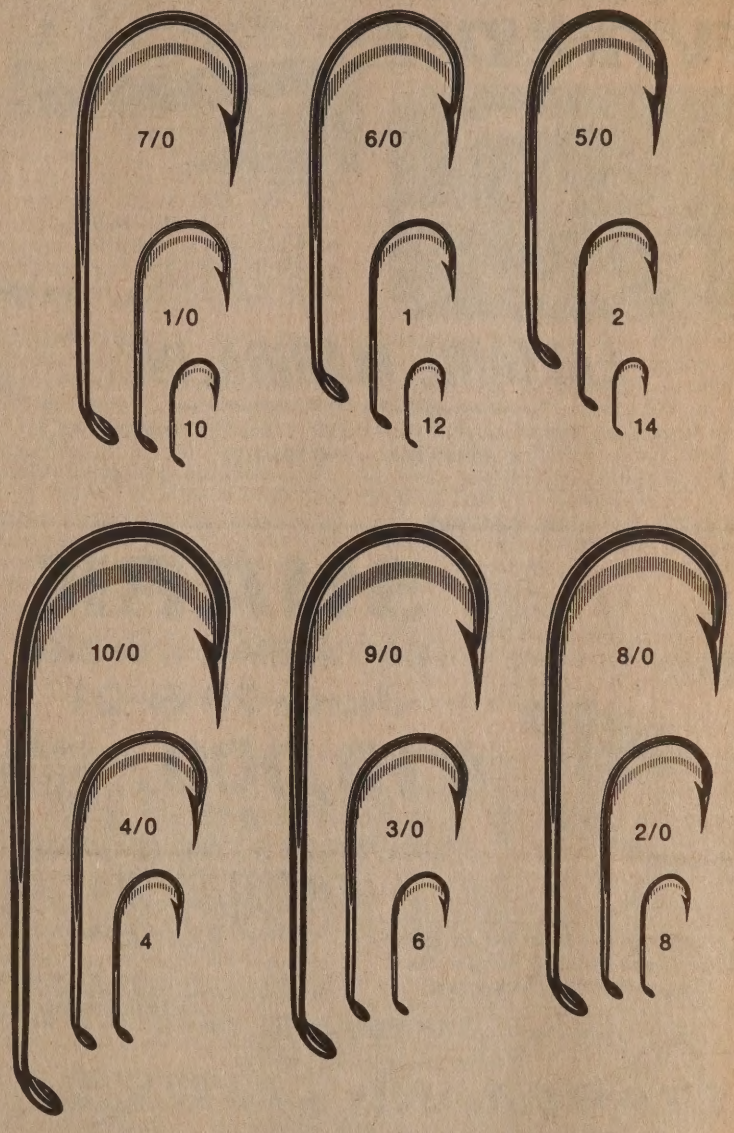
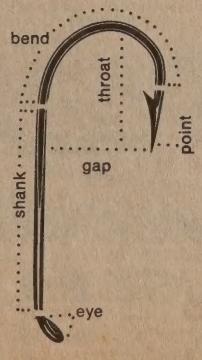
HOOK SIZES, PATTERNS & PARTS

ILLUSTRATION SHOWS TYPICAL RANGE OF HOOK SIZES





The size of a fish hook is determined by its pattern; it is given in terms of the width of the gap of the hook. An example: the illustration above shows Mustad-Viking fish hooks, all actual sizes and with correct size numbers. All hooks of Mustad-Viking pattern conform to these sizes.

The hook sizes of other patterns are bound to differ to some extent; the quality number and size number of a hook should therefore always be quoted together, and regarded as inseparable.

In the illustration at the left, the various parts of a fish hook are shown together with their names. The two important dimensions of the hook are made clear: its gap and its throat. The hook shown here is a Mustad-Viking hook. Note the width of the gap, the clearance between point and shank, and the depth of the throat of the hook. These generous dimensions make for a bigger bite, for deeper penetration of the point, and for better holding power. The weight of the fish is carried high up on the centre of the bend.

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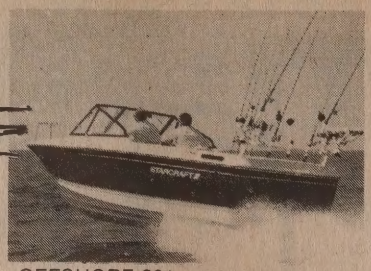

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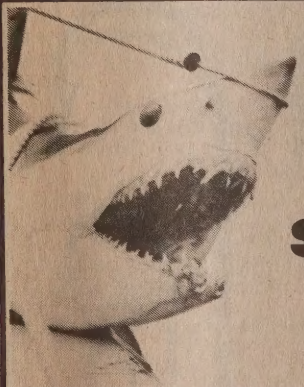

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I'd suggest you buy all the necessary hooks and other hardware items before you sit down at the table to tie rigs. By buying in advance you know that you have everything you'll need and will not have any interruption once you start.

There are five major hook manufacturers currently marketing their products in the United States. This does not include smaller companies that sell locally; only those that have a nationwide sales staff and have products distributed through a network of sales organizations.

You can get catalogs that show each hook style and a list of the various sizes in which it is sold. Some companies, such as Mustad, offer small brochures that show each hook they manufacture, what fish it is intended to catch and how it is used.

We've always been partial to the upturned eye hooks and have used them exclusively for more than 25 years when fishing for fluke, sea bass, porgies, bonito, false albacore and other inshore species. This style hook is equally effective when subjected to freshwater usage and is preferred by many salmon and trout anglers as well as others who fish for panfish, carp, catfish and largemouth bass.

The English wide bend style hook has also gained acceptance among many fluke specialists and althogh we do not use this particular model, cannot disagree with others who find it a very effective hook for catching the summer flounder.

Virginia style hooks, because of their rather short barb and rounded bend are very popular among tautog fishermen. Again, we do not ordinarily use the Virginia model when seeking tautog, instead preferring a standard beak style model in size 1, 1/0 or 2/0.

As the saying goes, "different strokes for different folks." Find a hook style that does the job for you and stick with it. Most every really good fisherman I've known had his, or her, own idea of what constitutes the perfect hook and in most instances, each person had an entirely different idea of what was best when used under a particular situation.

There are, however, some areas where it does not pay to argue with success. Live lining, for instance, requires a hook that is not constructed with an offset barb. The offset models, even though they do penetrate faster and will usually hold fish better, are not suitable for live bait fishing because they will often turn back into the bait and not penetrate

the fish.

Straight shank models which are built with a short shank are the most often used style hook for live lining. Short shank tuna style hooks in size 4/0 through 7/0 with the bronzed finish have gained wide acceptance in recent years among experienced live bait fishermen who know the ins and outs of using live baits to seduce saltwater game fish.

Bonito, false albacore and school size bluefin or yellowfin tuna require a slightly different approach. You have to remember that these fish are blesed with keen eyesight and can spot a hook sticking out of a bait from a mile away. You'll still need the short shank models, but instead of rigging with big bulky hooks, you can increase your chance of catching fish by dropping down a couple sizes to give fish less opportunity to spot the hook.

We've been using 1/0 though 4/0 hooks for all inshore tuna, bonito and albacore for years and have yet to find a situation where we could have caught more fish if we had been rigged with larger hooks. In fact, the smaller, less visible hooks probably accounted for a much greater number of fish.

Winter flounder cannot ingest a big hook. If you've been rigging with number 4 or 6 long shank hooks and haven't been catching flounder, try going to a number 8 or 10 medium length shank hook in either black or gold finish. It is almost a sure bet that your flounder scores will increase the minute you make the switch to a smaller, less visible hook.

If you are not totally sure of what kind of hook is best for your particular needs you might try writing to the major hook manufacturers and requesting one of their catalogs. Most companies will be more than happy to send you a free copy. Others may charge a buck or two, but consider it money well spent, for you will most certainly gain a lot of helpful information when you study the catalog and see just how many different styles, sizes, models and finishes are currently available.

Last year, for the first time, we had a chance to try the new line of hooks being imported into the U.S. from Japan.

The **Gamakatsu** hook is distributed by Sports Resources Company and features a series of octopus hooks in addition to many other models. As noted, we are partial to the upturned eye hook because of its superior hooking and holding qualities. This company has a full line of upturned eye hooks that not only come in a variety of sizes, but are also produced in several different colors. And, as with most Japanese manufacturing facilities, their quality control is excellent which ensures a perfect hook that is needle sharp as it comes from the package.

There are several basic points to consider when purchasing hooks. You first must ascertain exactly what kind of hook is best suited to meet your requirements and then buy that particular model.

When selecting hooks, things to consider are eye style, shank length, type of bend, gap (distance between hook shank) and barb and point. These are the basic parts of each hook and will serve as a guide.

Check through the catalogs and decide which models are best for each fishing situation and then purchase a small amount of each to see if they are exactly what you want. Once you find models that fill the bill, you can purchase them by boxes of 100, 1000 or in larger quantities for greater savings.

You can write to the following companies at the addresses shown. When requesting catalogs, it is suggested you enclose a self-addressed, stamped No. 10 envelope to defray postage costs on the part of the manufacturer or distributor.

Eagle Claw Hooks, c/o Wright & McGill Company, 4245 E. 46th Avenue, Denver, CO 80216.

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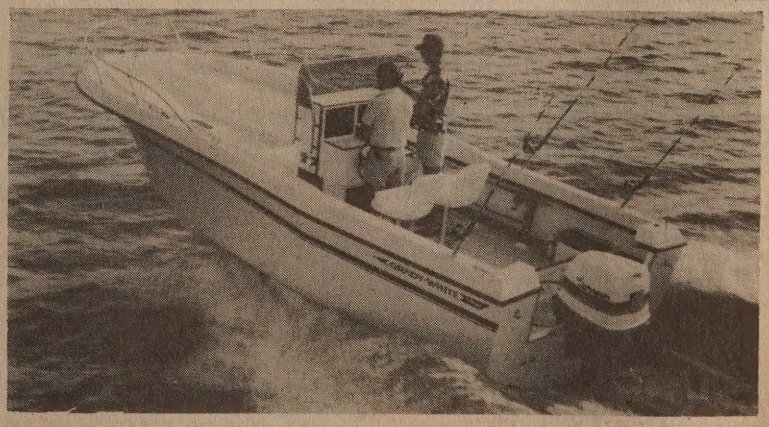

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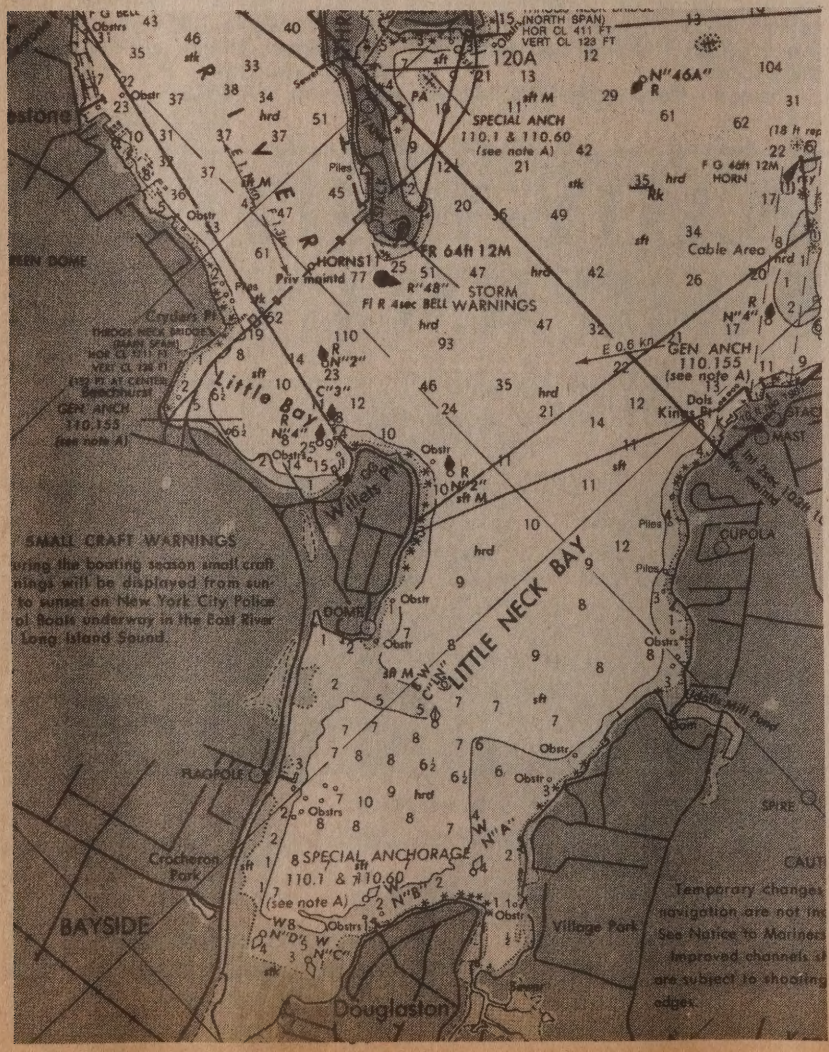
by Bill Stamatis

Are you depressed by the I.R.S.? Has the 1040 gotten you down? Did your accountant say you'd be better off in Brazil? Well, drown your sorrows and a worm for Bayside bass. Every year, during the first two weeks of April, I catch my first striped bass of the season in Little Neck Bay. It's nice to know that some things are relatively uncomplicated and free in our current society.

Little Neck Bay can be reached in a very short time from anywhere in the Queens vicinity. It is at the end of the East River and at the mouth of Long Island Sound. It is flanked on the west by the Cross Island Parkway, on the east by very private Douglaston Manor and on the south by Northern Boulevard.

Each spring, Hudson River bass migrate into Little Neck Bay and join the winter-over fish that inhabit some of the deeper holes found at the mouth of the bay. Since the bay is shallow, it warms quickly during the lengthening days of spring and each outgoing tide carries these warm water currents out to the resident fish.

On warm days and even cold days, during this time of year, you will see many fish-thirsty anglers huddled along the banks of the bay catching some small flounder and hoping that their first bass of the season will be mixed in. But most serious bass fishermen will line the bay at dawn or dusk and often into the night, depending on the tide. Tides are always important here because the southern part of the bay is a mud flat that has no water in it during low tide. Practically speaking, the entire bay is so shallow it is only worthwhile fishing here three hours before and after high tide.



Spring bass fishing requires a sensitive rod so you can tell when a fish is mooching on your bait. Most anglers use 7 to 9 foot spinning rods of light to medium action. Any kind of equipment is suitable, however, as long as you can cast one or two ounce sinkers 100 to 200 feet from shore.

Worms are the main springtime bait. They can be dug up during low tide or you can purchase them. I remember digging by the Coast Guard Station and getting a couple dozen snakes in less than an hour. The last time I tried digging I wasn't too successful as far as sand worms were concerned. I did dig up a batch of ribbon worms, however, and these worked quite well, but don't mix blood, sand and ribbon worms together or try to store these white worms for too long.

One of the secrets of success in fishing is the size and style of the hook you use for a particular species. Since spring bass are not voracious feeders, they tend to nip off the end of the worms that are hanging off the hook. I have found over the years that machine tied hooks help eliminate this problem.

Machine tied hooks are hooks that don't have a ring to tie the leader to. Instead, a winding of thread grips the end of the leader and holds it to the shank of the hook. This eliminates the knot and ring bulge and enables you to thread the worm up the shank of the hook onto the leader leaving very little worm to hang off the hook.

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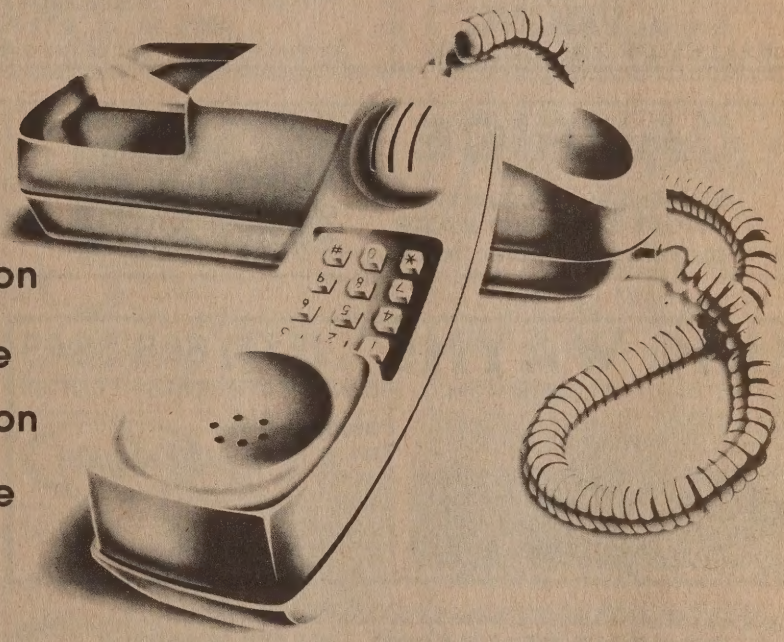

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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Looks like spring will be a little late this year! Flounder reports continue to center around traditional early back bay spots. Lots of small cod have come into local Montauk waters as evidenced by party and charter boat catches on the weekend, and also by the numerous gill nets on codfishing grounds.

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Captain Greg Beacher brought the **Dawn** back to **Montauk** during the week from her winter home down south where she was fitted by Lee's Tackle with a new fighting chair and all new rigging. Call for info on giant tuna charters. Captain Beacher and his first mate, Cindy Stuckmeyer, noted mackerel off the Carolinas, yellowfin tuna abundant in the canyons (off Carolina) and expects action within reach of the **Dawn** in mid June as usual.

Captain Steve Mauss is booking spring charters on the **Kraken III** for snowshoe flounder and cod, will begin sailing in mid April from **Captain's Cove Marina**. Call him at (718) 296-5430 for charter information.

Last Monday's light crowd on the **Viking Starship** enjoyed excellent codfishing at George's Banks where anglers averaged thirty to fourty fish without even trying. Those who worked at it, such as George and Tony from Sheepshead Bay, had a combined catch of 172 cod, including the pool winning cod of fourty-eight pounds. Most fish were caught on jigs. A few spots are available for this weekend's trip. Call the office for reservation information. Local codfishing remains good, according to Captain Steven Forsberg, with the majority of fish in the small to medium size range. A good crowd on Sunday accounted for 250 cod, pool winner about twenty-seven pounds at the Ledge.

With bad weather on Saturday, 153 cod, in the three to eight pound range were caught by twenty-seven anglers. Friday's Block Island trip saw fifteen persons return with 105 cod. Call **Viking** office for information on schedules of local cod trips.

Captain Michael Potts is now sailing on the **Bluefin IV**, cashing in on the spring cod run. Call him for charter information.

A chat with T.J. at **Gone Fishing Marina** revealed that some charter boats, such as the **Allyssa Ann** with Captain Bill Ricca, are now sailing for spring cod. Call Captain Ricca for

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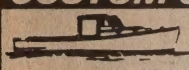

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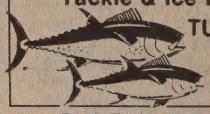

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Henry Uihlein of **Uihlein's Boat Rentals** is now open for the season, with boats to twenty-four feet available for rentals. Call ahead for reservations, especially if you want one of the larger boats in order to cash in on the spring cod run at Cartwright.

Captain Phil Lewis is well rested from his winter in Florida and will start charters on the **Adios** the end of April. Contact him for charter information.

June, at **Montauk Marine Basin**, said that while many anglers have tried for flounder off local docks, none have reported back with reports, however, commercial fishing activity indicates flounder are in the bays. Reports of cod, from four to five dozen a trip, mostly small, some to about ten pounds, have come in to the marina. Diamond jigs and clam bait are doing the trick at close by Cartwright.

SOUTH FORK

The **Wilhelric II** did not sail on Saturday, due to bad weather. Sunday's trip located nice size fish in traditional early spots. Captain Clark Bellows noted that all flounder were feeding on quarterdecks, a good sign that last year's brown algae will not affect the flounder catches. While water temperatures are still on the cold side, enough large flounder were brought aboard to indicate a good season in upcoming weeks.

Thom, at **Speck's Bait and Tackle** in **Southampton** heard of good catches of flounder at Heady Creek by anglers, such as Dave, fishing from shore. Although Dave's catch of ten fish weighed a total of fourteen pounds, he has seen flatties of three pounds caught in this area in the past couple of weeks. Southwest Creek, Sag Harbor, continues to produce from shore, yielding up as many as sixteen a trip for one woman angler.

Larger fish were caught at the Shinnecock Canal during the past week, when the gates were open, requiring the use of heavy (5-8 oz.) leads. Fish of two to three pounds have been caught, but average size is one to one and a half during running water. Sandworms or mussels worked best. During lock closings, small fish appear to be the order of the day. On Thursday, Dolores Sollazzo bucketed eight nice size flatties.

Ted, at **Three Aces Fishing Center**, saw a spackle bucket of flatties most weighing over one and a quarter pounds, caught by East Quogue resident Don Swiggers. Don's trip to Buoy 17 in Shinnecock on Sunday was

worth second place in the shop's March flounder derby, since his largest flattie weighed one pound twelve ounces. April's flounder contest is now underway. Stop in and weigh you fish, no entry fee.

Only one craft based at **Sherry and Joe Corr's Best Boatworks** fished last week. Walt Roskoski and Dennis Stock located thirty nice flounder, reporting that they fished many places in Shinnecock Bay.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Some positive news on the fishing front as flounder fishing finally developed some consistency in both Moriches and Great South Bays and particularly in the latter. While fishing in Moriches suffered on the weekend with the exception of those who worked the Quogue Canal, Great South Bay boatmen enjoyed good action on both days.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Good fishing all week according to Gary Grunsich at **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in East Moriches. Fish are being taken from buoys 42 to 45 with catches ranging from 20 to 50 flatties per boat. Saturday was a washout due to the morning's rain. Fishing was off on Sunday, according to the livery owner. Best catch on the weekend was compiled by Nat, John and Diane Viol. The trio put away 35 nice flatties working from buoys 43 to 45. Gary was confident that fishing would bounce back this week with better tides, noting that there would be a flood tide in the mornings for most of the week.

Over at **Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station** in Each Moriches, George Kideris said that this was their first weekend with the station now in full swing and a good stock of worms, mussels and chum on hand. Unfortunately, the weekend got off to a bad start with Saturday's rain. No boats left the station as a result. George called Sunday's results very picky with the best catch of the day a dozen fish. He had heard from several private boatmen of good fishing during the week.

Captain Ron Schleuter of the Moriches based **Alma fleet** reported nice fishing on Saturday in the bay with average catches of 15 flatties per man. Sunday was a tough day with fares suffering through a slow pick. Ron has been working on a body of

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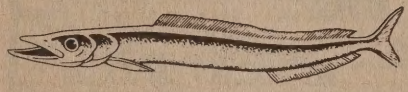

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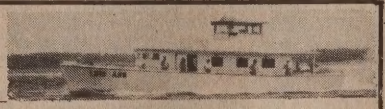

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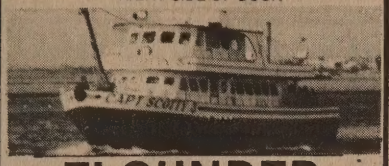

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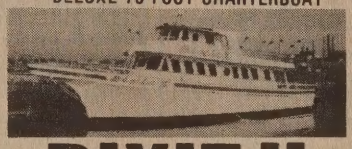

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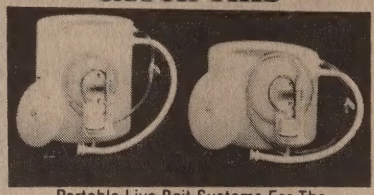
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GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

From **J&J Tackle** in Patchogue, John Mantione spoke of some pretty decent flounder action during the week and weekend in the local bay south of Patchogue and particularly near Barrett Beach on the Fire Island side. Still some good catches being made in the Quogue Canal. On Sunday, Dean Stanen worked in the vicinity of the second bridge and put away 30 flounder to 2 lbs. The fish averaged between 3/4 and 1¼ lbs. Also, a few flounder now being picked from local docks on worms.

Over at **J&R Sports Center** in Oakdale, Al Colban reported good flounder action in the bay on Saturday and Sunday with reports coming from several well spread areas. He knew of good catches made south of Browns River, Sayville, Heckscher Park, Good Samaritan Hospital and the Copiague Hole. Don Berguar took 25 flatties at Heckscher on Sunday. Same day, Jim Butler culled two dozen flatties from the Copiague area. Al emphasized that chumming with clams and mussels and pounding the bottom is vital to a good score. Worms and clams have both been effective in the bait department. Some flounder were reported by shore anglers from the beach at Heckscher Park, Great River docks and West Sayville dock.

Mel Lane and his son Eric trailered their craft from Lake Grove, launching at Heckscher Park on Friday morning. By noon, the pair counted 18 flounder, the largest exactly 3 lbs., another of 2½ lbs. According to Mel, heavy mussel and corn chum was used. Best bait appeared to be bloodworms.

Captain Neil Delanoy of the Bay Shore open boat **Laura Lee** reported very good flounder action all week with the exception of Wednesday which he labeled fair. Good fishing on the weekend as well, with 40 fares accounting for over 300 flatties on Sunday. Barbara and Craig Demott counted 32 flatties for their efforts on Sunday. Hy Brown had 27 flatties on Friday's trip and Bart Jerussi had 21 on Thursday. The skipper said he has been fishing anywhere from Bay Shore to Patchogue with fish of mixed sizes, but up to 2 lbs. making up the catches.

The Captree open boat fleet enjoyed a good week with the flatties with most of the boats working the east bay between Blue Point and Patchogue.

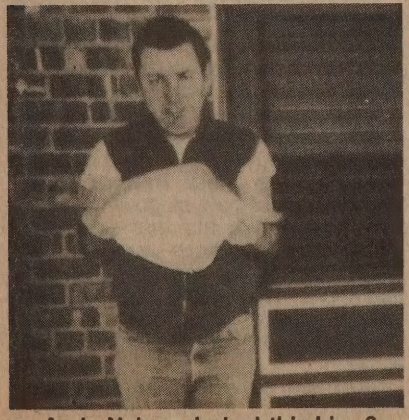
Captain Richie Leitch of the Captree open Boat **Captain Leitch IV**

reported plenty of fish a big crowd on Sunday with several individuals racking up scores in the teens. Richie said that fares picked steady all day long with many good size fish in the catches. Fishing was done south of Patchogue in 10 to 12 feet of water.

Captain Richie Westerlind of the Captree open boat **Capt. Ritchie** spoke of a pretty good week with nice size flatties from Heckscher east to Patchogue. On Sunday, regulars Carl and Dotty Turndahl of Franklin Square typified the action with their catch of 18 flatties, including the pool winner.

Captain Carl Passaro of the open boat **Miss Captree** reported steady fishing all week with average catches of 10 flatties per man. Friday saw more than 200 flatties taken for 14 fares with Sol Gruber accounting for 19 fish. Saturday saw fares enjoy a steady pick despite less than ideal weather conditions. Fishing on Friday and Saturday was done along the Blue Point line in 10 to 12 feet of water. On Sunday, with 50 fares aboard the skipper opted to work the south side of the bay near Barrett Beach where the numbers were better for slightly smaller fish. Carl figured approximately 550 flatties were taken with most anglers taking anywhere from 6 to 15 fish home apiece. Bill Hess and his family walked off with 50 flatties as well as a 1¾ lb. pool fish.

Captain Charlie Kennedy of the Captree open boat **Captain Joseph II** reported a real good week from Tuesday on working the east bay from buoy 30 out to Patchogue. On Tuesday's trip, one father and son team, Frank Jr. and Sr. scored with 39 flatties. On Friday, John Nelson had 25 while Virginia Kilgore had 23. Despite Saturday's rotten weather, 19 fares accounted for more than 300 flatties. Hazel and Jack Reed had 49 of them. A big crowd on Sunday accounted for well over 500 flatties. One trio, Robert and John Jones and Frank Nirvana had 82. Virginia Kilgore returned to add 29 flatties to her freezer. Jack Reed did the same, returning to take 23 more on Sunday.



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Ted Dach with a pair of mid-winter blackfish caught in late January out of Sheepshead Bay. The bulldogs checked in at 10.4 and 8 pounds.

Charlie noted that the best action has been occurring on the flood tide with just a pick of fish on the ebb. The best bait all week long has been fresh clams.

Captain George Tweedy of the Captree open boat **Captain Scotty 3** said that fishing continued to improve steadily ever since Tuesday with catches ranging from 150 to 300 flatties a day. High hooks have ranged anywhere from 20 to 45 mixed size fish per trip, with a few throw-backs mixed in. George has been working the east bay off of Sayville and Patchogue and noted that the late afternoon tides produced best this week.

Captain Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen II** reported a great day on Sunday with more than 600 flounder landed. High hook was George Parola of Lindenhurst with 28. Dick Lewis and Bob Stewart combined to take 43 flatties. Nine year old Scott Karavitis on his first flattie trip acc accounted for half a dozen nice keepers. Fish ranged from 3/4 to 1¼ lbs. Gordon said he worked east of Heckscher and adjacent to the bars north of Cherry Grove.

From his **Captree Bait and Tackle Shop** Noel Kaupaff reported a steady pick of flatties now at the Jones Beach piers with fish reportedly taken on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Also some being taken from the Captree Overlook Pier. Nine year old Joseph Peng weighed in a 1¾ lb. flattie he took from the Jones Beach Pier on Sunday. Noel knew of good flounder action for the boats this week and particularly for those working near Barrett Beach on Sunday. A reminder that Noel has a good stock of fresh chowder clams on hand for those looking for this prime flattie bait and chum.

Captree's half day boats have been staying closer to port and picking away at Ocean Beach, Kismet and the state channel. East End reporter Lorry Mangan joined the Sunday AM trip aboard the **Jib VI** and showed

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From **Augie's Tackle Shop** in Babylon, Fred Austin reported some good flounder action this week. On Tuesday, John Feminella and crew kept 59 of 70 flatties. On Wednesday Bob Schwartz of Pride's Pup drilled 45 flatties from the Heckscher Park Grounds. Jack Uhland and Gasper Garaputo worked the Amity Cut on Thursday to the tune of 24 flatties. For a change of pace, Al Lorenzetti joined Schuyler Watt aboard his My Mary on Friday. The pair pulled a dozen cod and pollock from an offshore wreck. Included in the catch were one cod of 24 lbs. and two of 29.

Captain Ralph Green of the open boat **Miss Babylon** reported a decent week with the flatties with Wednesday the best day of the week. Eight fares accounted for 200 flatties with Jack Kennedy taking 18 including a 1½ lb. pool fish. George Seavetla accounting for 21. Fishing is being done in East-WEst Channel from Babylon to Copiague with both mussels and worms effective in the bait department.

Ginnie Schaefer of **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** in Lindenhurst told of a steady pick of flatties from the state channel and east west channel this week on bloodworms, mussels and clams. George Paturazski and Phil Morris took 15 fish at the Copiague Hole. Don Shimshock and Paul Natalounis took a dozen from the state channel at Gilgo. Their largest was 14 lbs. Back on Tuesday, Louis Chiaiano and Sandy Hayes counted 25 flatties to 1½ lbs. at Gilgo. Dudley Britt and Nick Decico worked the east-west channel at Lindenhurst and took 17 flounder up to 2 lbs. Same day, Jim Prestral had a dozen flatties to 1½ lbs. on the bay side of Oak Beach. Randy Pearall worked the state channel at Cedar and took 16 flatties on Sunday.

From behind the counter at **Z-Crab Tackle** in Copiague, Chester Shew reported a decent pick of flounder at the Copiague Hole, Squaw Island

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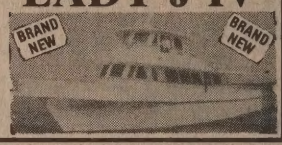

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and Massapequa Cove with a lot of nice size fish mixing into the catches. Bill Serviss put away 32 flatties on Thursday working near Squaw Island.

Bob Vitale at **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in Amity Harbor reported some nice flounder catches being made in state channel, bergen point, Copiague Hole and Squaw Island. Dick Kissel put away 30 flatties by himself on Sunday working the Amity Cut. Also on Sunday and in the same area, Bob Rose and Fred Walters put 25 flatties aboard the Reel Affair.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

Floundering took a definite upswing this week with the warming weather and the water. Chumming has been the key to the best catches. In spite of the effects of the full moon this past week with its resultant strong tides, very decent catches were made for both boat fishermen and shore-bound anglers.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

At **Wanser's Bait and Tackle** in Seaford said the floundering picked up quite a lot this past week mainly at Massapequa Cove, Squaw Island and Fort Neck Point. One customer bagged 27 good flatties Saturday at Squaw. Generally fish are mixed with a lot going over a pound. Chumming gives you the best catches, said Lon, with worm or mussel as hook bait. He noted that Reynolds Channel and Swift Creek in the Freeport area has also been productive.

The word from **Captain Eddie's Fishing Station** is that the rental skiffs have been taking up to 25 flatties per boat, fish to 2 lbs. Any moving tide has been good, with hotspots the east and west sides of Massapequa Cove.

Over in Wantagh, Mike at **Causeway tackle** told of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday being the best days of the entire week for boaters and pier anglers. Lots of customers had 12 to 15 fish a man working the Jones Beach piers, with incoming best. Things took a bit of a slide on the weekend, however. Blood or sand worms were the top baits. On Tuesday John Duckboat bailed 75 nice flounder by himself at Four Corners working mussels on both tides. Wednesday saw Jack Konrad take 40 fish at Squaw Island and State Channel on worms and mussels. The weekends average was 10 to 20 fish a boat, with fish seemingly a bit on the smaller side. Mussels were best. Hottest areas were shoals, flats, etc. These areas obviously warmed up first. Heavy chumming was important and the flood worked best this past week.

Scott at **Merrick Tackle** in Bellmore had customers coming in telling of improved flounder catches off the Jones Beach piers and in Haunts Creek. Fish were mixed and wanted worms, mussels or clam.

Over in Merrick, **Garan's Tackle** told of the flounder action continuing to progress, with the weekend being very good for their customers at Massapequa Cove, Nicks Point and Rowboat Alley, along with Swift Creek. Bloodworms and heavy chumming filled the bill.

Sailing out of Freeport, Captain Mike Dannon's **Captain Lou Fleet** also noticed an upswing in the flattie activity. The full day boat had a lot of high hooks in the 30s, with fish weighing in up to 2½ lbs. There were a good number of doubles, said Mike and catches appear to get better each day. The half day boat has had high hooks from the teens into the low 20s, with a 3 lber. being the pool fish of the week. Lots of fish around, said the skipper.

In nearby Point Lookout, we hear from the **Captain Al** that in Saturday's rain and sleet and high moon tides, he took out three fares who bailed over 90 flounder in all that mess. The three fish laden anglers were Y. Hirashima, Bayside, R. Kamaishita, Bronx, and Roosevelt Rogers of Westbury. Fishing was tough Sunday morning due to the tides, but picked up strongly in the afternoon with lots of doubles caught. The skipper found slack tide best. The area worked was Squaw and fish, though mixed, were fat.

From **Scotty's Fishing Station** which had skiffs out all week, we got the basic information that flounder action has picked up with all skiffs returning with fish from the flats and Swift Creek.

Bill at **Ed's Fishing Station** told of

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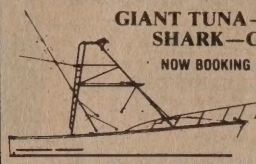

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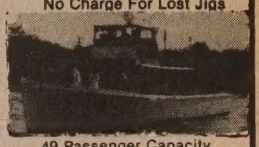

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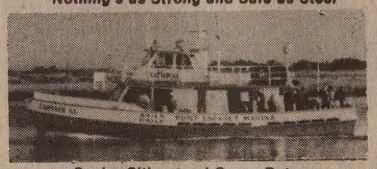

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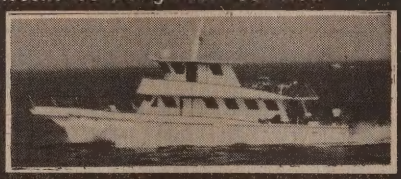

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Wednesday's catch of 45 nice flounder for Matt Arano and Mike Friscia Sr. and Jr., working Seadog and buoy 17 Reynolds, using mussels and clam chum. Sixteen flounder from 3/4 to 2 lbs. bit the bullet in Randall Bay for Larry Wolf and Annie Romano of Elmont on an ebbing tide using mussels.

We hear from Captain Dennis Kunyak of the charter boat **Marie III** that he is adding a second boat the **Night Hawk**. The boat will be run by Dennis, Steve Kearney Jr. and Bill Lindroth. It will be sailing everyday on a two trip a day schedule from 7AM to 1PM and 2PM to 6PM for flounder. Dennis said the boat will also be available for day and night charters and its first trip will be Saturday, April 11th.

Aboard the **Miss Point Lookout** there have been some very decent flounder catches this week with the skippers noticing improvements every day. Monday's high hook on the PM trip was Drew Heitner, Bronx with 22. Tony Valani of Long Beach settled for 13 flatties. Wednesday's AM trip had regular Cal with a 2 lb. pool fish, while Thursday's PM trip had LIF subscriber Gene Scafidi with 8 flounder plus the pool fish. Friday's AM trip saw Roger and Stacy Palones of Flushing with 14 flounder, including a 1½ lb. pool winner. On the PM trip, John Susco of Bethpage bailed 16, Dom Asner of New Hyde Park, 19 and Chris Goodman of Far Rockaway, 21. Saturday's action was very good again with the return of Tony Valani and son bagging 25 flatties. Sunday AM, regular Happy Jack took the pool with a 2¼ lber. Lots of fish around said the skippers from the inlet to the back bays on worms and mussel, though this week fares had to work around the tide for their fish. Looks like a strong season ahead.

From **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook, Charlie knew of the flounder upswing from both the Jones Beach piers to boats fishing in Reynolds at the creek mouths. Fish have been mixed to 1½ lbs. and there is definitely more life swimming out there now, he said, with another hotspot being Bay Park in East Rockaway.

NEW YORK BIGHT

Over at **Skippy's Bait and Tackle** in East Rockaway, owner Skip told of plenty of action in the Bay Park, Swift Creek area. He noted that the fish appeared somewhat smaller this week than last week. Sand worms seemed to be top choice on the menu. Larger flounder appear to have moved into the channels and the flats have been productive. A regular customer, Eileen, bagged a 2 lb. blackfish on a sandworm at a local bridge this week.

Over in Howard Beach, Artie at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** noted that local bridge fishermen are getting flounder off both North and South channel bridges, fish 1 to 1½ lbs. on worm and mussel on any moving tide.

Also out of Howard Beach, the open boat **Captain Mike III** told of an excellent start on the flatties this week with 51 fish for two buddies on one day during the week. Fish have been averaging a pound. On Friday, John Guthrie of Glendale had 27, George Murray of Maspeth had 26, while Jack and Richie Lyns yanked 30. Saturday's high hook of 32 fish was Steve Figueras of Ozone Park. On Sunday, 70 fares had over 700 fish. Chet Guskiewicz of Greenpoint had 22 and high hook honors, Chuck Fabio of Richmond Hill had 17. Best action has

been in the Silver Hole area on any moving tide.

To the west in Sheepshead Bay we hear from Captain Butch of the **Zephyr** that Friday's floundering was good on an afternoon tide. Saturday's morning fishing was good but turned into a struggle later on in the day as the tide slacked. This past week's moon really made that water move. Sunday's fishing was good early, with lots of doubles and catches up to 25 a man. Best was at the turn of the tide. Action turned into a pick in the afternoon but the fish were larger. A huge flounder was caught by one fare. Four customers, each with their own scale, had this fish going over 4 lbs. Action was at the Navesink, buoy 4 area, some bars and also in mid-bay.

Captain Bob of the **Flamingo III** noted that his customers picked away Saturday in Jamaica Bay despite the poor weather and fishing conditions, but on Sunday, fares found it good at the Navesink at the change of tide and then continued to pick away for the rest of the day. Bob said things have really started to come alive.

We hear from Captain Tom Palladino of the **Elsie K III** that things have started to take off nicely and he's finding improved floundering each day, both outside the rivers and into Sandy Hook bay. Tom said he's sailing 7AM everyday and also booking charters and moonlight cruises on his second boat, **Miss Moore**.

Neil at **Stella Maris Bait and Tackle** just east of the fleet said that lots of mixed flounder were caught this past week at the roundhouse in Jamaica Bay and at the Navesink over in Jersey. He knew that the **Betty W. IV** and the **Helen H.** had good catches of whiting, ling and a few cod this past week, but he said the blackfishing remains slow so far.

Marguerité Bach displays a slammer blue she boated in Hempstead Harbor last fall aboard the "Cookie Boobs."

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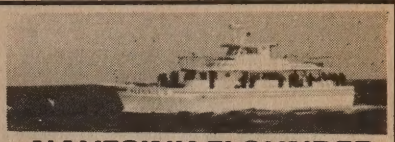

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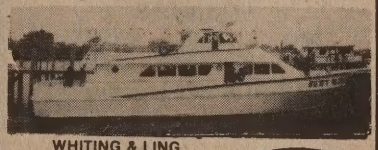

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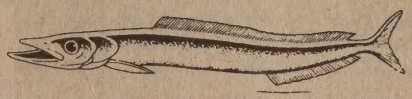

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North Shore REPORT
with Marty Garrell

No one could remember a three day period in March when the weather was so calm and favorable. The consequences were obvious: good bait sales, lots of anglers on party craft, and yes, typical flounder catches for the season. The western Sound was the best bet with some activity as far east as Port Jefferson. The Peconic scene was very quiet.

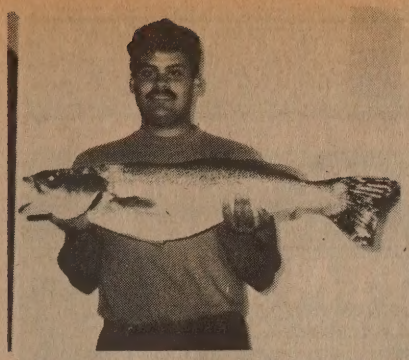
WESTERN SOUND

Scott Bruno at **John's Gun** in New Rochelle said that business had picked up in local harbors and that boats fishing Glen Island and Hudson Park groups had 12 to 24 fish per day of effort. The **Klondike VIII** plans to begin daily sailings at 8AM next Friday, April 3.

Jack's Bait on City Island saw some good sized flatties from Larchmont and Matinecock, but locals were doing well around Hart's Island and in the Orchard Beach Lagoon. Even anglers on the Shore Road had a few flounder. Pete Anderson of the **North Star** said that both his craft and the **Apache** had good crowds over the weekend. Fishing was up in Oyster Bay in 15 to 30 feet of water with the best fish in the 1½ lb. class. Unfortunately, the numbers of fish are the same most everyday, so a spread of 12 to 30 flatties per rod on weekdays becomes 2-12 per fare on weekends.

Phil Nasi of the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** enjoyed the weather and got skunked on Thursday. However, he

Seven-year-old Robert Basile caught this 13½ lb. blue on a live bunker in Port Jeff Harbor last fall. The big chopper was weighed at Caraftis Fishing Station in Port Jefferson.



This 15.5 lb. tiderunner weak was taken last summer on a bunker chunk at Manhattan Beach by Adam Carrasquillo.

quickly added that the saltwater ponds were producing pretty well, namely Dosoris and Frost. Morgan's Park was a good bet, too.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Jerry Cedar at **Huntington Prop** called to tell us of some fine catches around Duck Island by the chumming fraternity. Chris Bellock and his father had around 30 fish and Bob Cedar and Doc Carter boated some 20. The latter pair fished Lloyds Harbor, while Carl Russo and Paul Laddin has good results in Huntington Harbor, too.

George Valentine at **Four Winds** had all kinds of reports from the zones above and he added that there were keepers to be caught in Cold Spring Harbor as well by dock anglers. Some of the area party craft have commented that they've never seen so many small boats out fishing Sound Bays in March.

Ilene Fleischmann at **Greenlawn Sport Shop** called to detail a catch by Andy Terc off Lloyd's Harbor. She weighed a catch of 8 nice flounder between 1 to 1¼ lbs., and figured that the results were typical for Lloyd's. Shoreline anglers from Centerport Beach had many fishover the 8 inch legal limit, too.

Although we missed Roy Cash on the **Port Jeff Ace**, a contact with John at the **Caraftis Fishing Station** showed that the shallow embayments around Setauket were producing very nicely. The station registered catches of up to 24 fish per boat from the old bridge foundation. Sizes ran all the way to 1¼ lbs. In deeper waters off Mount Sinai, **Ralph's Fishing Station** had no results. The only reports there are from early dragger catches.

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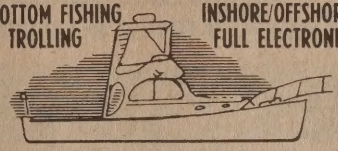
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Ed Kopack at **Warren's Tackle Center** in Aquebogue had 2 to 6 flounder per catch in numbers from the Peconic River mouth and from Red Cedar Point. one catch of more than a dozen flounder was recorded from inside Mattituck Inlet. This came through **Jamesport Bait and Tackle** as well and there should be more info from the Sound sector with **Charlie's Mattituck Fishing Station** opening this week.

A scoping of plans for the area party boats was in order this week. Dave Brennan plans to start with the **Peconic Star** around April 8th, with the **Brand X** opening the season a few weeks later. Both boats are negotiating for berths in Greenport at the present time, and Brennan may be taking in a few boat later this season as well. Larry Ciccotto is scraping and sanding the **Prime Time III** for the start of action on April 23rd. He'll be running daily out of "Orient by the Sea".

The earliest start on the Sound will be made by Bob Ceglowski with the **Captain Bob** out of the Old Mill dock on Mattituck Inlet. Ceglowski will be running his craft on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays as an open boat, and he still has a few charter dates left on the remainder of his schedule. Ceglowski looks for a somewhat slower start than usual because of the cold water, but guesses that the Sound will be alive with larger flounder by mid month.

Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

Despite warming weather, freshwater action remains on the slow side. A few more days of spring like temperatures should put both fish and fishermen on the move. Best bets remain carp, pickerel and tidal trout, but a few bass and crappies are now being taken as well. With Wednesday the official opening of the freshwater trout season, let me remind those who haven't already done so to renew their freshwater licenses. Also please keep in mind that the season for bass and pickerel are still closed and these species must be released unharmed.

Charlie Beckmann of **Beckmann's Bait and Tackle**, **Lynbrook**, reports bass and pickerel beginning to show in the catches of local fishermen. Nightcrawler baits have accounted for most of these fish. Mill River in Valley Stream has given up a few white perch.

From **Causeway Bait and Tackle**, **Wantagh**, Mike Nicoletti informs us that the Twin Lakes crappies are now beginning to feed. Catches of small to medium sized fish have been good for the past several days with small

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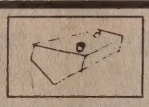

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spinners, jigs, minnow immitations, and live killies all taking a few fish. An occasional twelve to fourteen inch pickerel is also finding its way into these catches.

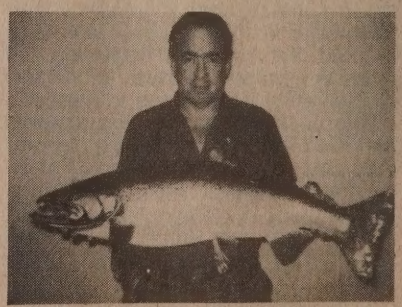
At **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Mike Andreani tells us that anglers are scoring with a few white perch in the tidal creeks of Babylon. A few largemouth bass were caught and released in the ponds along Route 231. A few carp taken in these waters as well. Mike would like to inform his customers that the store is moving to 281 East Montauk Highway, Lindenhurst.

A lot of small to medium sized trout in Bubbles Falls is the word from Dave Canale at **J&R Sports Center, Oakdale**. Worms and doughballs are working about the same. Trout fishing has also been good in the Carman's River where anglers are taking occasional browns in the twelve to fourteen inch range. On Saturday, James DeBlasio, age seven, came by with his dad to report taking two white perch, four largemouth bass (returned), and some small yellow perch from a lake in the West Islip area.

At **J&J Bait and Tackle, Patchogue**, John reports a lot of panfish and a few pickerel taking baits and lures in the Mill Pond. Dave Hassel used a flyrod and poppers to score with the panfish there this past weekend.

On Sunday morning, Paul Rippenger gave a call to let us know that anglers working Southard's Pond are doing quite well with pickerel. Twelve year old Billy Torn caught and released a thirty inch fish there on Sunday. On Saturday, Paul worked Beaver Dam Creek on the Carman's River where he took an eighteen inch brown trout.

Out at the **Fisherman's Deli, Riverhead**, Mrs. Devlin reports action just getting underway with bass, pickerel and panfish. Early last week, Alan and Andy Maltagliati of East Islip, took a Peconic River bass estimated at about 2.5 pounds and a 1.5 pound pickerel from right behind the store. On Thursday afternoon, Ken Gaubin of Brightwaters, Connected with three small bass just east of the "falls". Ken used jointed Rebels to make his catch.



Fred Haimes with the mount of a 26 lb. chinook salmon he caught in the Salmon River. The trophy was taken on an artificial egg sac.

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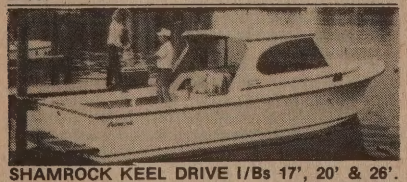

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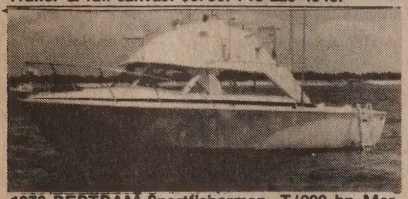

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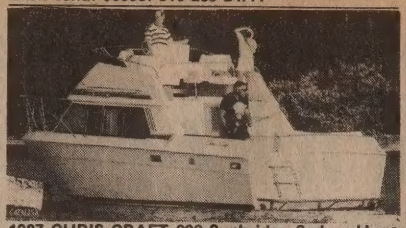

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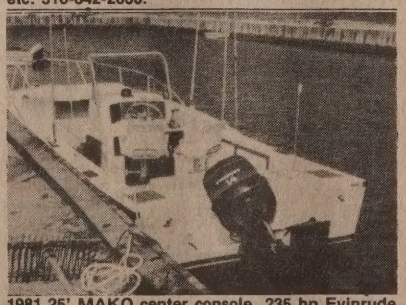

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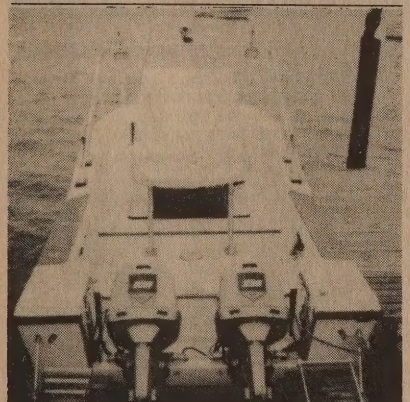

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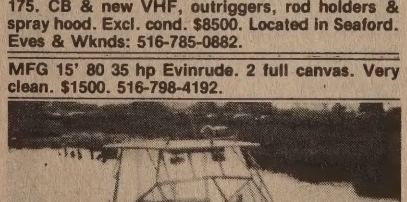

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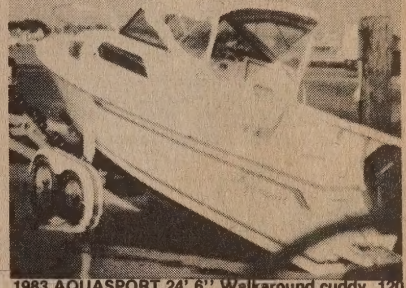

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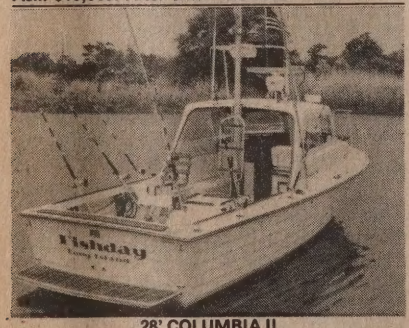

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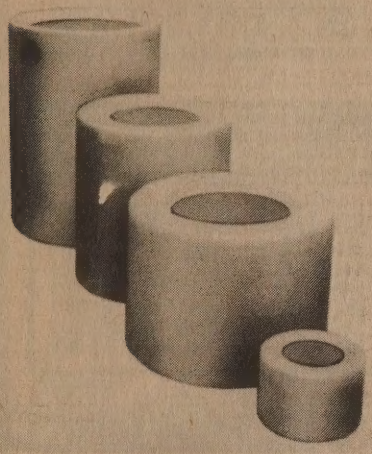

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DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	10:15	10:30	11:05	11:25	11:05	11:20	—	12:05	1:35	2:05	1:25	1:55	10:10	10:35	4/2
FRI.	11:00	11:10	11:50	—	11:50	—	12:15	12:50	2:05	2:50	2:05	2:40	10:55	11:20	4/3
SAT.	11:45	—	12:10	12:35	12:05	12:40	1:05	1:45	2:45	3:40	2:55	3:30	11:50	—	4/4
SUN.	1:05	1:40	2:00	2:30	1:55	2:30	3:00	3:50	4:35	5:50	4:45	5:25	1:15	1:45	4/5
MON.	1:50	2:35	3:00	3:30	2:45	3:30	4:00	4:45	5:40	7:05	5:40	6:20	2:15	2:50	4/6
TUES.	2:50	3:40	4:00	4:30	3:45	4:35	5:05	5:55	7:15	8:05	6:40	7:15	3:15	3:50	4/7
WED.	3:55	4:50	5:00	5:30	4:50	5:35	6:05	6:40	8:20	8:55	7:35	8:10	4:15	4:45	4/8
THURS.	5:00	5:40	5:55	6:20	5:50	6:25	6:50	7:25	9:10	9:40	8:30	8:55	5:10	5:35	4/9

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 4/2	5:43	6:26
FRI. 4/3	5:42	6:27
SAT. 4/4	5:40	6:28
SUN. 4/5	6:38	7:30
MON. 4/6	6:36	7:31
TUE. 4/7	6:34	7:32
WED. 4/8	6:32	7:33

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 4/2	7:30AM	11:10PM
FRI. 4/3	8:10AM	—
SAT. 4/4	8:50AM	12:15AM
SUN. 4/5	10:45AM	2:10AM
MON. 4/6	11:40AM	2:55AM
TUE. 4/7	12:45PM	3:35AM
WED. 4/8	1:50PM	4:05AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
4/28	4/6	4/14	4/20

The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES

The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	7:40	**1:30**	8:10	**1:55**
Fri.	8:35	**2:25**	9:05	**2:50**
Sat.	9:30	**3:20**	10:00	**3:45**
Sun.	11:25	**5:15**	12:00	**5:45**
Mon.	12:20	**6:10**	12:55	**6:40**
Tues.	—	**7:00**	1:10	**7:20**
Wed.	1:35	**7:40**	1:50	**8:05**
Thurs.	2:20	**8:25**	2:35	**8:45**

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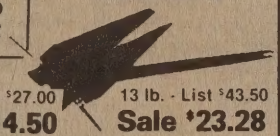

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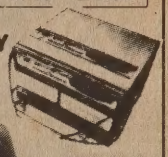

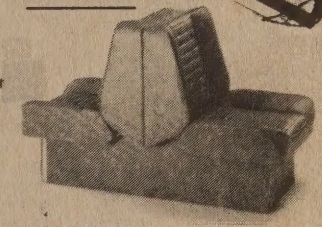

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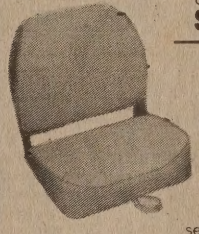

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GUEST #260-300,000 C.P. Hand Spot w/Deck Plug	$82.95	$44.98
STEWART WARNER 72656-23 4 x 6 Halogen Light	$52.24	$29.95
STEWART WARNER 73620-01 3 x 5 Halogen Light	$33.44	$19.95

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	List	EARLY BUY
ACR RLB 14 "Class A" Automatic EPIRB	$495.00	$279.95
ACR RLB21 "Mini-B" EPIRB	$299.00	$169.95
AQUAMETER 415 SNIFFER	$250.00	$139.95
FIREBOY 15CG-75 Cu. Ft. Auto Halon Extinguisher	$164.00	$89.95
FIREBOY 35CG-200 Cu. Ft. Auto Halon Extinguisher	$230.00	$129.95
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	List	EARLY BUY
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	List	EARLY BUY
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	List	EARLY BUY
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18 x 12 Trim Tab	$385.00	$275.95	36 x 9 Trim Tab	$420.00	$299.95
24 x 9 Trim Tab	$385.00	$277.75	36 x 12 Trim Tab	$430.00	$309.95

NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT

	List	EARLY BUY
RITCHIE Explorer Compass Bracket Mount	$44.95	$24.95
RITCHIE Voyager Compasses (All styles)	$77.95	$41.95
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	List	EARLY BUY
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UNIDEN SH69 Programmable Scan VHF	$399.95	$229.95
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SIT HE708, 100 Watt 6" Color Sounder	$795.00	$529.95
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	List	EARLY BUY
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SI-TEX T100 Radar	$2,395.00	$1,899.95
SI-TEX T200 Color Radar	$3,795.00	$2,999.95

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	List	EARLY BUY
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MICROLOGIC EXPLORER	$995.00	$729.95
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SI-TEX EZ-7	$777.00	$499.95
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3/8 x 15	$16.00	$9.98
3/8 x 25	$21.00	$13.50
1/2 x 15	$20.00	$12.88
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	List	EARLY BUY
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BOATMENS 6216SS Single Jump Seat (White, Blue, Sand)	$170.94	$89.95
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	List	EARLY BUY
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ITT 6360-1001 Water Puppy (12 Volt)	$93.10	$59.95
MANSFIELD 944 Sani-Pottie	$109.00	$62.95
RULE #25 450 GPH Pump	$27.00	$9.95
RULE #20 800 GPH	$35.00	$16.95
RULE #10 2000 GPH Pump	$75.00	$45.95
RULE #35 Auto Float Switch	$24.00	$14.95

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	List	EARLY BUY
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ITT 34448-0000 8" x 20" Center Passage Fender	$33.95	$19.95
ITT 34440-0000 10" x 26" Center Passage Fender	$55.95	$33.95
ITT 34442-0000 12" x 34" Center Passage Fender	$77.95	$47.95
NORFLOAT IFO625W 6" x 25" Norwegian Blue Tip Fender	$28.93	$14.95
NORFLOAT IFO830W 8" x 30" Norwegian Blue Tip Fender	$42.58	$21.50
NORFLOAT IF1027W 10" x 27" Norwegian Blue Tip Fender	$48.30	$26.95

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DANFORTH 18S Anchor (Genuine Danforth)	$72.00	$41.95
DANFORTH 22S Anchor (Genuine Danforth)	$89.00	$49.95
W/P R5544 3/8 x 100 Anchor Line	$26.35	$14.95
W/P R5545 3/8 x 150 Anchor Line	$36.90	$21.50
W/P R5543 3/8 x 200 Anchor Line	$47.50	$26.95
W/P R5547 1/2 x 150 Anchor Line	$55.45	$31.95
W/P R5548 1/2 x 200 Anchor Line	$71.30	$41.95
W/P R5550 1/2 x 300 Anchor Line	$109.95	$65.50
W/P R5557 5/8 x 300 Anchor Line	$171.85	$103.95
GOOD A-20, A Windlass w/300 Ft. Line	$890.00	$649.95
GOOD AFD-20, "A" Free Drop w/300 Ft. Line	$1,265.00	$925.00
GOOD CFD-20, "C" Free Drop w/300 Ft. Line	$1,350.00	$989.95
POWERWINCH 602 - 1/2" Free Fall Anchor Windlass	$1,189.00	$729.95
POWERWINCH 603 - 5/8" Free Fall Anchor Windlass	$1,189.00	$729.95

GAS TANKS, BATTERIES, CHARGERS & POWER CORDS

DYTEK GP 1215 2 Bank 15 AMP Charger	$275.00	$139.95
TITAN 24M-6 85 AMP Marine Battery	$82.43	$49.95
HUBBELL 61CMO8 30 AMP 50' Shore Cable	$163.70	$69.95
TEMPO TPC-6 Metal Gas Tank	$49.95	$29.95